

15th June 2018

Dear Year 6 parents,

End of term arrangements

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of the academic year and your child will be leaving St Mary's, to start a new stage of their learning journey, at secondary school. Leaving primary school is an exciting and significant point in a child's life. Many of the children in Year 6 have been at St. Mary's for seven years and we hope that they will take lots of happy memories with them as they move on to secondary school.

To celebrate the end of the school year the Year 6 children will be participating in different events. On the 7th June we took them to Gloucester Cathedral to participate in the Diocesan Leavers' Service and they will have their Year 6 Leavers' Photos taken on Monday 18th June. It would be lovely if they could come in shirt and tie.

On **Monday 9th July (2pm)** and **Tuesday 10th July (6pm)**, the Year 6 children will be putting on a performance of *Olivia* for the whole school and parents. They have already begun rehearsals for this and are busy learning songs and lines. We will be holding a Leavers' Barbecue on the school field (weather permitting) for the Year 6 children and their parents after the performance on Tuesday evening. The BBQ will be from approximately 7pm until 8.30pm. Children should be accompanied by adults.

The Year 6 children will also be spending their induction days at Sir William Romney's and Malmesbury School as well as Marling, Stroud High School and Thomas Keble. Please contact the office if you need dates for these but you should have heard directly from the schools.

This year, the leavers have chosen to go to Bowood House and Gardens for a final treat. This will take place during school time, Wednesday 18th July. You should have had a letter and replied by now to give them permission and your contribution. We have been donated the cost of the coach journey there by the PTFA and Year 6 will raise the remainder – details to follow. They have also organised **leavers' hoodies** for the children to purchase – we will be giving them to the children in the last week of term. They can wear them in school as soon as they have received them.

On Friday 20th July we will be holding a special end of term service in the hall at 1.30pm when we will be presenting various awards and celebrating our Year 6 Leavers. All Year 6 parents are invited to attend this service.

I hope that with the combination of all these events, the children will have a memorable send off from St. Mary's and an exciting and action packed end to the Summer Term.

Leavers' Gift

To mark the end of their time at St. Mary's and in recognition of the contribution they have made to the school during their time here, St Mary's School would like to present your child with a memory book. These will be given to the children next week so that they can collect comments and memories from their friends, teachers and staff of St Mary's. The children will also receive a Bible from St. Mary's Church as a Leavers' gift.

Yours sincerely

J Woolley

Mrs J Woolley (Headteacher)