



## Parsons Heath

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Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

We hope that you and your children all had a great summer and are ready to start another year. We have a fun and engaging year ahead of us, working hard to improve skills and understanding. In their final year at Parsons Heath, we shall expect the Year 6 class to set the example for the rest of the children. They will often be called upon to carry out tasks and have extra responsibilities around the school. A significant event during the year will be the end of Key Stage tests. In the new year, we shall be holding a meeting regarding the tests; giving an opportunity to look at past papers, ask questions and find out how best to support your child in preparing for the SATs.

This half term our topic will be entitled 'Reach for the Stars' and we will be lucky enough to experience a visiting planetarium. Please see the website for a detailed map of the Year 6 curriculum.

The format for homework has changed this year and you will be given further information when your child is given their homework folder. As the children approach their SATS, they will be given revision guides and extra homework in order to prepare them in the best possible way.

Another vital part of your child's learning at home is reading. As was the case last year, all of the children will be taking part in the reading challenge. We will count the number of times that they have read both in school and outside of school and add these together on a weekly basis. As the children progress they will be rewarded with certificates that celebrate reaching certain milestones e.g. bronze award for reading 25 times. Please sign the Record when you have listened to your child read, or asked them questions about the book they are reading. The children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each day, either independently or with an adult. The children will all have a school reading book, but may bring in books from home to read. We will check books from home, to ensure that they are of an appropriate level.

Examples of questions to ask when reading with your child or after they have read a section of their book independently:

*What do you think will happen next?*

*Who is your favourite character? Why? How does the author describe the character?*

*Why has the author chosen that particular word?*

*Did you enjoy this book? Why?*

*What does this word mean?*

*Show me where the author has used a comma/question mark/exclamation mark etc.*

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As you are aware, the children will shortly be going to Bawdsey Manor. There was be a meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September to give you further information about the trip. We also hope to take the children on a day trip during the Summer Term. As soon as we know details of these we will send letters home.

Our PE sessions are on Thursday, so please ensure that your child has full PE kit in school on both days. An outdoor kit will be required as the winter months draw in. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that earrings should not be worn during PE lessons. If children cannot take their earrings out then they will not be able to participate.

If you have questions concerning any of the above, or wish to meet with us regarding your child, please make an appointment at the office.

We look forward to meeting with you at parents' evening.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A V Newman and Mrs K Cairey  
Year 6 Teaching Team

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