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Dear Parents/Guardians

May I start by congratulating you and your children for your incredible positive attitude and fuss free approach during SAT's week. Throughout the testing process your children continued to be calm, sensible and a pleasure to be with. Whatever the outcome of these KS2 tests, I could not fault their "go for it" mentality, consistently entering into every paper with total focus on the task in hand. Thank you to you all for the hearty breakfasts you provided, early nights you encouraged and prompt arrival at school you undoubtedly aided. Consequently your children were confident, happy and determined to try their best during an exhausting week. WELL DONE TO ALL!

But now back to the business of teaching and trying to weave an exciting and enjoyable learning path through the last 8 weeks of life as Year 6 children at Midhurst Primary School. Mr Taylor will continue to play a key part in the first 5 of these weeks, a welcome addition to our classroom, bringing fresh ideas and youthful enthusiasm!

Our topic this term is entitled, if a little tongue in cheek, "What a load of Rubbish!" Below is a brief summary of themes we hope to cover across the subject areas:

Science: Materials and their properties & revision of key science topics.

History: Practical Time Team activities - focussing on rubbish through the ages and what this tells us about each period in history.

Geog: Environment focus - how we dispose of our rubbish in this country compared with what happens around the world.

ICT: Multimedia presentation skills.

PSHE: Will follow a transition unit of work which bridges Year 6 and 7, all about changes and coping with a new school. This will include a mini project entitled "ME" which the children need to take to MRC with them on, or before, transfer day. Details to follow before half term.

DT: Involves designing and making a product of choice made from a throwaway material - again more details to follow before half term.

Art: Focus on The Iron Man to start with - followed by creating art from natural materials.

PE: Swimming on a Thursday starting after half term, Games with Brighton & Hove Albion, Sports day and Stoolball we hope too.

RE: Looking at stories from the bible to include a visit from Father Marcus, later in the term we will be organising the school Leavers Service.

Literacy and Maths will continue to be taught on a daily basis, with links to our topic being made where at all possible. However, be warned, this term is an incredibly busy one, Year 6 have once again been asked to help with the School Summer Fair as well as being involved in organising the Leavers Service - I hope you will agree that these opportunities are equally valuable during your children's final weeks at MPS. This is a chance for your children to shine as they are offered responsibilities and opportunities to give a little bit back to the school community. Let's enjoy it! ☺

I have been through important calendar dates with the children, but just in case the homework diary never makes it home I have once again listed them below for your information:

Thursday 26th May: Stedham football tournament Y5 & 6 (a few children involved letters now out) Poetry presentation evening at MRC for winning poets

Friday 27th May - Break up for half term

Monday June 6th - INSET DAY school closed

Friday 10th June: First own clothes day in aid of the Summer Fair (details to follow)

Friday 17th June: Second own clothes day. Summer Fair from 3pm - this event was a great success last year and it is helpful if your children can stay late after school.

Tuesday 28th June: **NEW DATE** Year 6 trip to the Sustainability Centre, Meon - more details to follow in a separate letter.

Wednesday 29th June: Sports Day 1pm - support very welcome.

Friday 1st July: Harting Rounders tournament (a few children involved)

Friday 1st July: Reports to parents - hopefully to include SAT's results

Monday 4th July - Tuesday 5th July: **PLEASE NOTE:** I have provisionally booked Stedham campsite for a new take on last years "Giant Sleepover" - details to follow in a separate letter.

Tuesday 5th July: Open Evening 6 - 8pm - everyone welcome.

WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY: **TRANSFER DAY - children to attend MRC for the day**

Monday 18th July: Year 6 Leavers Service to be held at Midhurst Parish Church at 2pm - all welcome to attend.

Friday 22nd July: Last day of term.

Please do not hesitate to come in and see me at any time if you have any concerns or worries regarding your children and school. I am available every morning except Monday and every afternoon except Tuesday.

Thanking you, as always, for your continued support

Yours sincerely

Sally Clarke