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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6!

The children have settled into their new classes very well and are ready to learn. They look very smart in their new jumpers and ties, and we would like you to encourage your child to wear their uniform smartly and proudly, with shirts tucked in and ties formed correctly. Can we also remind you that hair should be tied back and they should wear shoes, not trainers.

#### Welcome to Mrs Williams

Mrs Williams (who some of you will know from her time at Heathland as Miss Pidduck) is joining us this year as our Assistant Head teacher while Mrs Farrant is on maternity leave. She will be working closely with Year 6 and we are excited to have her back.

#### Role models and school values

Being the top of the school now, we expect the children to be excellent role-models to the younger children, and the children are already rising to this challenge. Respect is our school value for September, and we rely on the children in Year 6 to demonstrate all our Values consistently.

#### PE days

All classes in year 6 have their PE lesson on **Friday**. Please ensure your child brings the correct kit to school.

#### Monitors

Being a monitor is a responsible and highly regarded job at Heathland School. Monitor roles were discussed with the children last week and they all chose which jobs they would like to have this year. Their job will change each term. Monitors, including Sports Leaders, are in the process of being trained and will shortly be starting their monitor jobs, if they haven't already done so.

#### Home learning

Home learning for Year 6 will be set every **Thursday** and will be due in on **Monday**. We value your support in this. The children are also expected to read at home for at least 20 minutes every day.

#### The Curriculum

In English, this term we will be reading texts related to World War 2 to link with our topic learning. We will also be learning about a range of styles of writing and focusing on different examples of grammar. Later on in the term, we will be looking at poetry. In Maths, we have started making sure all children can use place value and the 4 operations of maths (+-x÷) successfully. Shortly we will be moving on to problem-solving, shape, sequences, and handling data. In P.E. we will be practising the skills associated with basketball and football.



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Topic and trips

Our Topic this term is looking at the question: How did World War 2 influence Britain? Along with this topic, we will also be looking at Judaism.

In order to support this learning, we have planned an exciting trip to: The Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon this half term. We are also planning a trip to the Synagogue in November 2017.

Growth Mind-set

Heathland is an accredited thinking skills school and for the children this means using a variety of thinking skills in their everyday lessons. Ask your child about; thinking hats, thinking maps and the habits of mind they use in school. This year we will be talking about a growth mind-set which encourages children to talk about themselves as learners and how they react positively to the challenges they face learning.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has an enjoyable and productive time in Year 6.

Yours faithfully

The Year 6 Team

Mrs Williams, Ms Dernoga, Miss Kelland, Ms Butler, Mrs Farrell, Ms Norman