

Monday, 14 December 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Classes

I am writing to let you know about some new arrangements for teaching Year 6 after Christmas.

This year will be the first year that children will be tested on their understanding of the curriculum 2014. The implications of this are that a higher expected standard is required and also that their results will be shown as either 'met the expected standard' or 'did not meet the expected standard'. As with GCSE Maths and English, any child not meeting the expected standard will be required to re-sit the test in the following year.

At Clifford Road we are proud of our creative curriculum and how this enthuses our children and helps them to achieve. We are proud that Ofsted also recognised this and acknowledged how whole school initiatives such as Star Writer, Maths Eyes and Share-a-Story day have such a strong impact on progress here at school.

However, we also recognise that the children will have to sit a test in May and that we need to prepare them for that. From January, Year 6 will be split into three smaller mixed ability groups in the mornings to allow for more personalised learning; these groups will be taught by Mrs Noon, Mrs Abbott and Mrs Chapman.

They will be taught Maths, English, Grammar and Reading Comprehension in these groups.

In the afternoons the children will revert back to their normal classes where lessons will be covering the rest of the curriculum.

If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Noon.

Many Thanks

**Steve Wood
Head Teacher**