**Headteacher:** Friday 4th September 2015

Mrs Lorna Buchanan

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after the summer holiday. I do hope that you had an enjoyable and restful break. I am very much looking forward to working with the children in Year 6, and with you, and am pleased to be able to build on the successes they have enjoyed in the past to see them to the end of their time at Holy Trinity. As I’m sure you are aware, Year 6 is an important year and I shall be expecting the children to work hard in school and to complete and return homework tasks on time. We do, however, have many exciting activities planned across the year both in and out of the classroom.

Parent-teacher meetings will be held on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October.

Curriculum In May, the children will be sitting compulsory SATs tests in English and Maths. I will be working hard with the children to prepare for these throughout the year, but feel it is equally important for them to experience a full and engaging curriculum to prepare them for life beyond Holy Trinity. Much of the work in class this year will be linked to class topics, with opportunities for the children to take some ownership of the topics to pursue areas that interest them. This term, the topic is ‘WWII’ and I plan for this to be a context for learning across the curriculum. Topics for later in the school year will be ‘Africa and ‘India’. I recognise that elements of these may have been covered lower down the school, but it is clear that the children are keen to explore them in more depth and breadth.

Swimming and PE Swimming lessons will start again after the October half term. As for last year, children must have swimming caps in order to take part. Mrs. Woolley will be teaching the class PE on a Tuesday and a Friday afternoon. This term, they will be doing football and hockey –it is recommended that children wear gum shields and shin pads. Please ensure your child comes into school on a Tuesday, in their outdoor games kit; indoor kits can be left in school.

Homework **In Year 6, children should be spending 30 minutes each day on work outside school (or the equivalent amount of time spread over several evenings or a weekend).**

Maths and English homework will be given out on a Thursday and will be due in school on the following Tuesday. Spelling homework will also be sent home on a Thursday but is not due in until the following Thursday, when the children will have a spelling test.

Homework diaries Homework diaries have been issued to your children to encourage them to become more independent and to help them organise themselves effectively. Homework activities will be recorded in these and any other important messages / reminders. Please ensure you regularly check your child’s diary and sign them on a weekly basis. I will then also check them each week, on a Wednesday.

Yenworthy Residential More details about our trip will follow in the coming months. There will be a meeting nearer the time, where you will have the opportunity to find out more about the trip and to ask any questions. In the meantime, information about the centre can be found at [www.yenworthylodge.co.uk](http://www.yenworthylodge.co.uk).

I look forward to a happy and productive year with the children in St. Peter’s class.

Kind regards,

Natalie Medler