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Dear Families

Welcome to Cherry Class! In the following letter, I have included some relevant information that you might find useful for the first few weeks of this term whilst your child settles into life in Year 6. There are three members of staff in Cherry: myself; Mrs Paxford, who works Monday – Thursday; and Mrs Eaton, who works Wednesday – Friday.

Children arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:45am and wait in the outside area next to Cherry. The bell will ring at 8:45 and children will then head inside via the door leading directly into the class. At the end of the day, children will exit via the same door at 3:15pm.

At the start of term, all children were provided with pens, pencils and rulers. We do have additional resources too such as rubbers, sharpeners, glue sticks and highlighters but children are welcome to bring in their own items if they so wish in a small pencil case. Please avoid allowing your child to bring anything in that is too valuable though as occasionally things do get lost unfortunately!

On Tuesdays we will be swimming so children should arrive at school in their normal uniform and with a swimming kit. The kit must include a suitable swimming costume/trunks or shorts (not overly baggy), a towel, a swimming hat and goggles (if permission has been given). On Wednesday, children will be doing PE at school and this term it will be football. On these days, children should wear PE kit to school which should be a plain white t-shirt, dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Homework will be set on a Thursday and is due in on a Monday. There are only two pieces of set homework – a maths paper and a grammar paper. The homework shouldn't take too long to complete and if your child is overly struggling on any question, please just move on – it is definitely not worth the stress! The purpose behind the homework is to keep the arithmetic and grammar on the go and also to begin to prepare them for secondary school where homework will start to increase. In addition, reading for pleasure should be encouraged as much as possible at home.

If you have a question or need to get in touch with me, please email me or use the 'contact me' box found on the Cherry page of the school website.

<https://www.fir-tree-juniors.org/cherry-year-6/>

Best wishes,
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