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*"Love God, love others, love ourselves"*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Many of the children have already enjoyed a wonderful three days at Kilve and for the other children they have had the opportunity to learn a lot from the St James' Heritage Day. So a busy start to the term! As we begin this new school year we thought it would be helpful to summarise some of the things that may be new to the year 5 children and will also act as a helpful reminder to the year 6 children.

Each Friday during the year the children will have a 30-minute swimming lesson at St James' pool. We are fortunate to be within walking distance, which keeps the cost down to £1:50 each week. This pays for the hire of the pool and lifeguard cover. Money should be brought to class each Friday morning but if you wish to pay for several sessions in advance we are quite happy for you to do this. The children need a bag to carry their costume and towel but they will not need shampoo or deodorants. If children wear swimming shorts they must be above the knee and all long hair needs to be tied back or enclosed in a swimming hat. No jewellery is allowed in the pool. We expect all the children to swim each week unless they have a medical reason from their doctor to avoid swimming. This occasionally happens when children have ear problems or suchlike. If children have a cold but are well enough to be in school then we do expect them to take part in the swimming session. Swimming will start for all children this Friday.

Weekly homework becomes increasingly important as children move into the top classes of the school. The children will be given homework on a Monday each week and will be expected to return by Thursday morning. This will be the same each week. We do rely upon your support to help your child plan their homework over the week to ensure that it is not left to the last moment! It is also helpful if they have a suitable, quiet place where they can work free from disturbance. Work will sometimes be done in a homework book and sometimes on a sheet. Please could you check that it has been done each week and sign your name to show that you have seen it. It is also helpful if you read any comments that may have been written

We are looking forward to our main topic this term, which is 'The Victorians'. We have planned two days out to fit in with our topic. Before half term we will be taking each class to Blaise Castle where each child will have the experience of acting out life in a Victorian classroom! We have taken children there before and it is a memorable experience! This trip will be subsidised by the Countryside Trust. In December we will be going to Killerton House for a Victorian Christmas experience. This is a much sought after visit and we have been fortunate to book each year 5/6 class in this year. Full details of these trips will follow nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

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