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"A caring, supportive community, grounded in a Christian ethos, where children are inspired to explore their potential and develop skills for life."

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Dear Parents/carers,

As you may have noticed on your children's homework sheet, we have made a few changes to way that we teach spellings in Year 6. We are trialling a new approach which will encourage the children to be more independent with their learning and will consist of daily, interactive spelling sessions in the classroom. Outlined below are the key changes:

- Each spelling rule will be taught over a fortnightly period rather than weekly. This is to ensure that the children have a deep understanding of the rule and the chance to independently include these words in their own writing.
- The children will be tested on their spellings every two weeks on a Monday. The spelling homework sheet should also be handed in on this day.
- We will only be testing the children on eight spelling words (five which will be sent home and three surprise spellings) but also asking for the children to identify five of their own words to learn and practise which follow the same rule. Monday spelling sessions in the classroom will be a 'word investigation' lesson so the children should already come home with some ideas of new words.
- Daily ten minute 'speed spelling' sessions will take place in the classroom. These will be a variety of independent, paired and whole-class activities. Each classroom will have a 'speed spelling' display which the children can add to whenever they have included a spelling word in their work and earn a house point.
- You will see on the children's spelling homework sheet a choice of three 'speed spelling' activities to help them practise their words in a more interactive way.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your class teacher.

Best wishes,
The Year Six Team