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Dear Parents/Carers

Our Year 6 children embrace the opportunity to take on additional responsibilities in their final year of primary school and play an active role in every area of school life. One of their favourite tasks is to be a buddy for a child in EYFS. Every Year 6 child is matched with a child in Reception and they become their 'buddy'.

The buddy system is designed to ensure that our newest members of the school community, the Reception class, embark on their educational journey with confidence, enthusiasm, and a sense of belonging. We believe that by forging strong, genuine relationships from the outset, we can create a foundation for their personal and academic success.

### How Does the Buddy System Work?

Each Reception child is paired with a Year 6 buddy, who serves as a mentor, guide, and friend. Our Year 6 pupils are carefully matched to take on this important role, as they have the maturity and experience to serve as positive role models for their younger counterparts. While the Buddy System primarily aims to support our youngest pupils during their first year of school, the benefits extend far beyond this. Our Year 6 pupils also reap immense rewards from this experience, as they take pride in their roles as mentors and cherish the relationships they forge with their buddies. It is a mutually enriching experience that strengthens our school community and reinforces our core values.

Many thanks

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