

Weekly Bulletin

Term 3 Week 3: Friday 13th May 2022

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Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Year 6/Key Stage 2 National Curriculum tests

For our year 6 children it has been their Key Stage 2 National Curriculum tests or SATs this week. Over the week they have successfully faced and completed 6 tests and they have done so in style. As a staff team we are incredibly proud of the Year 6 children – each and every single one of them has done what we asked them to do – given it their best effort!

When we look at the really important life skills from SATS what have we learned about our children? They know when to work hard and know how to respond to 'formal' processes. They can follow instructions, they can cope with the feeling of 'pressure', they can concentrate for long periods. As a group the children have been calm, focussed, determined and so mature in their approach. Such a good work ethic will take them far! We can't ask any more – their attitudes have been exemplary. A huge well done and congratulations to all of our fantastic Year 6 pupils!

Thank you too, to the staff team, particularly Miss Craven, Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Pierce and Mrs Stones who have made the process run so smoothly – from providing breakfasts, to offering emotional support and for pitching the importance of the build up to the tests and the tests themselves so well – they matter but they are not the be all and end all.

Year 2/Key stage 1 National curriculum Tests

Next week Mrs Burton, with the support of Mrs Stones and others staff will be facilitating the Year 2/Key Stage 1 National curriculum tests. These are age appropriate tests and are less formal than Year 6 testing conditions. e.g. not strictly timed, and can be administered at times chosen by the school/staff.

These will not be 'pressured', but are simply a slightly more formal version of our typical termly tests.

Andes class are a great, hardworking bunch that I know they will try their best for Mrs Burton as always.

Other news:

- <u>Clubs</u>: As per parent mails and previous newsletters, our school run clubs will start next week
- Artists at work! This week in our staff training session our teaching team all had further Art training. This week's focus was on 'printing' and next week's is 'Clay and ceramics'. This high quality staff training will help further enhance the rich art curriculum we have in place, helping staff to improve their confidence, skills and knowledge which in turn will benefit the opportunities input and curriculum offer the children will receive. All children in Year 1 to year 6 will be printing or using clay in this summer term.

• <u>School Summer Fayre</u>; A reminder that our school fayre will be taking place on Sunday 19th June. We are also still hoping to attract a local person kind enough to volunteer to provide some live musical entertainment (perhaps a singer or a band) at the event alongside a local DJ. If anyone knows someone who may be able to help we would love to hear from you.



Dates: A reminder of some key dates for the term ahead.

May 2022

Monday 16th National Curriculum KS1 test week

Wednesday 25th Open Classroom for parents to look at their children's

work with their children 3.30-4.45pm

Thursday 26th Last day of half term

Friday 27th INSET DAY - SET Trust wide training day Half term beginning on Friday 27th May 20122– school closed

June 2022

Monday 6th Children return to school
Monday 6th KS1 Phonics screening week

Monday 13th Year 4 Times Table Checking week
Sunday 19th Friends Summer Fayre 1pm to 4pm

Wednesday 22nd Sport's Day **TBC**

Wednesday 29th Reserve Sport's Day (**TBC** if required)

July 2022

Wednesday 13th Pyrenees and Rocky Class Performance TBC

Performance for school 2pm - 3pm

Performance for parents 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Friday 15th Move up Morning 1 – internal transition day

Year 6 Leaver's Fest

Reports home to parents

Monday 16th Move up Morning 2 - internal transition day Friday 22nd Leaver's Assembly 9.30am – 11am (approx.) Friday 22nd School closes for summer holidays 3.15pm

Monday 25^{th &} Tuesday 26th Disaggregated Inset Days – School closed for pupils

Children return to school on Tuesday September 2022

Have a great weekend everyone!

Regards and best wishes

Jon Watson

Head teacher

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