



Newsletter 30

St Matthew's Church of England Primary School (Voluntary Aided)

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11th May 2018

Dear Parents,

It's 'that' time of year again when the children in Year 6 and Year 2 will be taking their SATs. The tests for Maths, Reading and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar for Year 6 are all sat next whilst Year 2 have the whole of May to complete all the tests/ quizzes.

We appreciate that this time can be a little intense for the children and so, as a school, we work really hard to ease their worries. The Governors have funded a 'SATs' breakfast during which the children get to relax chat and most importantly eat! Mr Baird and Miss Szarko have also planned some great activities for the Year 6 to work on when they are not sitting the tests.

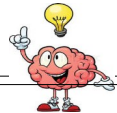
As usual, I have given all the Year 6 strict instructions to relax, play, eat and sleep this weekend. I say it every year; the SATs only give us a small indication of the children's capabilities. Sadly for us and them, the tests don't measure their sporting skills, their creativity, their caring natures, their teamwork skills, their resilience or their ability to be great all-rounders' who are a pleasure to have in school!

Good luck Year 6!! Do your best but don't get stressed! As ever, we don't need a test to tell us that this class is full of talent, aspiration and potential in all sorts of areas.

Best wishes, Gina Thomson

'Friendship'

"Promise me you'll always remember: you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you feel and smarter than you think!"



Gardening Club

The children who are signed up to do Gardening Club need to be reminded by parents that they need to meet Mrs Davies-James in the Gardening area at lunchtime on Tuesdays. Please remember wellies too! Thank you.

Photographic Consent

During Enrichment Week we have our Sports Day and many parents like to take photographs of their child/children. For safeguarding purposes we require parents to fill in our 'Parental Agreement', which is a policy for use of images of children taken by parents at school sports events. These can be obtained from the school office. If you filled one in last year then you do not have to fill in another one. On Sports Day you will be required to wear a sticker which will be given out by a member of staff to show that you have permission to take photographs.



Thank you for your co-operation.

PTA Car Boot

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Car Boot sale on Bank Holiday Monday. The funds raised were in excess of £1500 which is absolutely amazing! We will be more specific when we get the final amount.



Weekly Whole School Attendance



97%

Enrichment Week

With this newsletter you will receive a copy of your child's Enrichment Week timetable. This will include all the wonderful activities that have been arranged for each Year Group.

To applicable parents only, we unfortunately will be unable to provide free school packed lunches on Monday 21st May as we cannot store them over the weekend.

Please remember that all Waiver Forms for Funky Warehouse need to be returned no later than Monday 14th May. Permission slips also need to be returned by this date.



Office Opening House

Please be aware that the school office is open from 8.15am until 3.45pm daily. Before or after these times you may see the staff in the office as they will be preparing for the day ahead or the following day. Please avoid coming to the office out of hours unless it's absolutely necessary. Thank you.

Wycliffe Morning of Music

Wycliffe Preparatory School would like to invite your son/daughter to a Morning of Music. It is open to all pupils in Year 5 and 6. It will take place on Saturday 30th June from 10am—12noon. There will also be a small performance from 12noon—12.15pm, which you are welcome to attend. The morning will focus on learning to use the ukulele, and singing. The pupils will perform at the end of the morning and share what they have achieved. The session is open to all musical levels and abilities, including complete beginners. There is no charge to attend this session. Children need to bring with them a completed consent form with emergency contact and health details. This should be handed in on arrival. (These forms will be in St Matthew's office on Monday 14th May)

Places are limited and will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis. To book a place please email helen.boswell@wycliffe.co.uk.

Forest School

For the rest of this term Reception Class will take part in Forest School every Tuesday for the rest of the term. This will be held during the **afternoon** so please make sure they bring in clothing suitable for being outside, including waterproofs and a pair of wellies (in a named bag please). Just to clarify they need to come into school in their uniform and they will then change for Forest Schools after lunch.



Caterlink Royal Menu

Please see below the menu choices for Monday 14th May. We have also slightly changed the menu on Tuesday so that none of the food options are duplicated:

Monday:

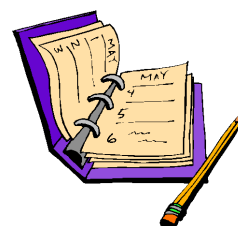
Princely Pizza (Chicken, cheese, pineapple)
Princess Pasta (Macaroni Cheese)
Jacket Potato with tuna mayo

Tuesday:

Chicken Enchilada
Quorn & Vegetable Rice
Filled Baguette with cheese

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 14th May	SATs Week (SATs Breakfast begins) Y6 Bikeability Forms need to be returned
Friday 18th May	Y5 Swim session cancelled
Monday 21st May	Enrichment week begins: Y5/6 South Cerney YR, 1, 2 Go Bananas Y3/4 Funky Warehouse
Tuesday 22nd May	Y3/4 South Cerney Y5/6 Funky Warehouse
Wednesday 23rd May	Sports Day
Thursday 24th May	Y1,2 Funky Warehouse
Friday 25th May	Whitsun Term ends



PTA June Jolly—Friday 22nd June

The next PTA event is coming up which and once again need your help! The June Jolly begins at 3.30pm and finishes at 5pm and will have a fabulous array of stalls, refreshments, a raffle, competitions, etc.

If you can help by donating items for the raffle which can include chocolate, toiletries, etc. We would be very grateful.

My School CD

There are still CD's available to purchase from the wonderful recording that the children took part in. If you would like more copies or haven't ordered yet please come to the office for an order form.



Head Teachers Certificate

Week Ending 11th May 2018

Reception	Xylia Poole
Year 1	Alfie Cowley
Year 2	Harry Poole
Year 3	Shyne Stocks
Year 4	Izzy Price
Year 5	Bobby Green
Year 6	Felicity Hughes

Water Bottles Reception Class

Could we please ask the children to bring a drinking bottle (named) into school to have in the classroom during the day so they stay hydrated. This also helps to stop any spillages from cups that are currently being used.

Evernote

During June 2018 Mrs Armstrong will be deleting the Reception Evernote notebooks for the current Y1s and Y2s. We suggest that you print photos from these notebooks as a keepsake as soon as possible.