



Newsletter

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Holiday Dates

May half term:
27 – 31 5/19

Last day of summer term:
19/7/19

First day of autumn term
4/9/19

Autumn half term:
21 – 25/10/19

SCHOOL CLOSED
25/11/19

Christmas Holiday:
Last day: 20/12/19
First day back: 6/1/20

Event Dates

KS2 SATS week: 13/5/19

Music assembly: 22/5/19

Phonics testing: 10/6/19

Sports Day (school):
21/6/19

Sports Day (nursery):
28/6/19

Y6 transition day: 4/7/19

R & N welcome

meetings: 4/7/19

Reports: 12/7/19

LEAVERS assembly:
17/7/19

Transition to new classes:
18/7/19

SATS for YR 2 & 6

This term is the time of year when both the children in Yr2 & 6 take their national tests. The children have been preparing for these tests so that they are used to the format and pace at which they have to work. Our children do very well in the tests because of the hard work that they put in but also because of the sensitive and caring way that the adults work with them in the preparation process. The Yr2 assessments take place throughout May and are integrated into classroom practice as far as possible. The KS2 tests take place in the week beginning 13/5/17. It is vital that all the children are in school for these periods of time. For information as to what these assessments look like and cover please look at the following links:

KS1: https://youtu.be/dVlrdqh_J6Y

KS2: <https://youtu.be/fC2yhtEtK4o>

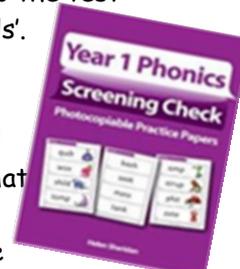
To support the children please can we ask that you:

- **Reassure them** - they can only do their best - and they will be fine
- Ensure that they have **early nights** - so they are not too tired to do the test
- Make sure the Y6 children are **in school early** for 'Zumba and Bagels'.



Phonics - for Yr1

Thank you to all the Y1 parents who came into meet Mrs. Donaldson to find out more about the Phonic Screening Test for the children in Y1. I hope that you found the information useful and that the resources that you have taken away will be helpful in supporting you to prepare your child for these tests in June. The link: <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/parent-tutorial-phonics-screening-check/> may help to demonstrate the level of understanding and skill that the children are expected to have in order to meet the national threshold for their age. Please don't hesitate to come in if you have any further questions.



Learning Journey

Last week, Lobsters and Seahorses started their new Science learning journey by making chocolate rocks. We will be learning about how rocks are made, the 3 different types of rocks and how fossils are formed. We will be using chocolate to explain the rock cycle which the children are already excited about, of course!



Reading challenge

Well done to the Starfish for winning this week's home reading challenge - it was really close - only 2 reads in it! **Please keep practicing at home!** We are thinking about how we can develop our reading reward system to acknowledge the efforts of the children who are regular home readers.



Sport

Last night the Y5/6 football team played their Bewley Cup semi-final against St. Margarets on the finals night at Stoke Gabriel Football Club. The boys played really well but unfortunately didn't manage to pull off a win. Congratulations to the team for making it to the semi - finals.



BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY - NO SCHOOL