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## 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

### Class Photos

You should have received your child's class photo proofs this week. Anyone who did not receive one, please contact the school office.

### SATs Week (also shared via Tapestry by Sally)

Just a reminder that SATs week is next week beginning 9th May.

During this week, we would like to make sure that most things happen just like any other week for the children. The only difference is that we would request that the children arrive at 8am prompt so that they can have breakfast together. We have arranged a grab and go breakfast to prepare them for the morning's activities. Children can come into school via the usual Year 5/6 entrance. It is vital that children attend all week.

We are extremely proud of the hard work that each and every one of the children have put in this year and have had many discussions with them as to their aims for this week. We have all worked hard to ensure that they are as well prepared and relaxed about the tests as possible. As we keep telling the children, one week of tests will not define their time in Primary School and not even begin to test all of the experiences they have had, their sense of humour, kindness, compassion, determination or how they have grown as individuals. We also know that everyone will do their very best on the day!

Any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Sally.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor.

School Governors make a positive contribution to children's education by offering supportive challenge to help raise standards and monitor resources effectively. School Governors work as a team and come from a wide variety of backgrounds to add value to school life by offering their skills, expertise and time.

We are looking for dedicated individuals who can offer their knowledge and expertise in one or more of these areas; finance, human resources, health and safety, communications or managing premises.

If you have a passion for improving the life chances of children and can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our school to help us to fulfil our vision, please complete and return an application form. A discussion with the Head teacher and/or Chair of Governors would be offered to any interested parent. **You can also speak to some of our Governors, at the end of the school day - on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 2.45pm - in the playground if you are interested. We would ask that any interested parents contact the school before Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

### Mental Health Week (9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022)

Next week, is Mental Health Week. We have many resources on our website to support your child's mental health [here](#)

You can also go to: <https://durham.gov.uk/article/23374/Mental-health-and-emotional-support-for-children-young-people-and-families-in-County-Durham> for a list of services that can support you and your child/ren.

#### Clubs

We had hoped to run our enrichment clubs this half term. Some staff are holding meetings and providing targeted clubs to support children prepare for national tests. Some staff have additional commitments to supporting Breakfast and After School Club so our enrichment clubs will begin from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

We will be sharing our list of clubs available in next week's newsletter so watch this space!

#### Tapestry

We would remind parents to continue to login to Tapestry as staff use this as a way to communicate but also to share lots of fantastic experiences that children have during their school day. It is also a way that you can share your child's experiences outside of school.

#### Times Table Rockstars Leaderboard This Week

Rank	Name	Year Group
☆ 1 🏆	Freddy R	Year 4
2	Courtney-Ann	Year 3
3	Belle W	Year 4
4	Oscar M	Year 3
5	Leo R	Year 3

  

#### Numbots Leaderboard This Week

☆ 1 🏆	Ben I	Year 2
2	Alfie M	Year 4
3	Toby B	Year 1
4	Freddy R	Year 4
5	Abel W	Year 3

#### Attendance

Nursery 91.8%

Reception 89.6%

Year 1 93.3%

Year 2 99%

Year 3 87.5%

Year 4 98.1% **Well done Year 4!**

Year 5 91.7%

Year 6 94.2%

### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations- Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

Each class has been assigned a decade to learn about in the week beginning the 23<sup>rd</sup> May (Year 6- 1950s, Year 5- 1960s, Year 4- 1970s, Year 3- 1980s, Year 2- 1990s, Year 1- 2000s, Early Years- 2000 to present).

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, we are asking the children to come dressed in red, white or blue or all 3 colours to celebrate the Jubilee. The children will come together after lunch to have an outdoor celebration (weather permitting). This would usually be our non-uniform day so we are asking parents to donate £1 to take part please.

Our school fund subsidises visits and experiences for your child in school and also helps to pay for play ground equipment too. We are extremely grateful for the contributions that parents make to our school fund.