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# **Upcoming Events**

We have many events scheduled for the next month:

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs

Week Beginning 16<sup>th</sup> May – Y2 SATs

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – French themed non-uniform (£1)

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Eid Fair – donations of unwanted gifts for the tombola stall will be gratefully received – funds raised will purchase books for our new library.

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I hope parents and children are feeling a little refreshed after the Bank Holiday weekend. This term is possibly the most demanding for schools as it is the term where children are tested.

The Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will be tested for the first time on the National Curriculum 2014 SATs tests. For all schools up and down the country this is period of uncertainty as we have not been made aware of what the pass marks for these tests will be. Our teacher assessments demonstrate that our children have made excellent progress so far this year and our teacher moderations are accurate.

The Year 6 tests will take place the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May (a timetable will be sent to all Year 6 parents), children will be expected to arrive in school early for Breakfast Club as this will give children the chance to settle in and do a bit of last minute revision before the tests.

The Year 2 tests will take place the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> May (a timetable will be sent to all Year 2 parents). Children will be tested on English reading and writing, maths, spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG). Some of you may be aware that the actual test was published online as a sample test in the autumn term and most schools like ours did test the children on this to ascertain a level, please note that this test will not be used to formally test your child again.

#### **Educational Visits**

I recently met with the governors to look again at the cost of educational visits and visitors into school. We are in the process of agreeing a charging policy. I will let parents have details in the next newsletter.

Parents and carers are expected to collect their child after a school trip. Often the trips come back later than 3.15; we have had instances where a child has not been picked up or when a child has gone home alone only to find the parent is not at home. If the coach is going to be later than expected then a text message will be sent out. Please note children will not be allowed to walk home alone if the school trip finishes later than 3.15.



### Sports Relief

We raised £367 for this charitable event, school purchased in sports coaches to work with the children. A fun day was had by all who took part and the children also learnt about poverty around the world.

### **Building Work**

Over Easter we had 4 new LED boards fitted, these replaced the old smart boards. We now have all new LED boards in school apart from in Nursery.

A new bin store has been built at the front of school. The old bin store at the side of the Year 1 classroom will be converted to an outdoor provision space for the Year 1 children. Access to the area is via a new door that was fitted over the bank holiday weekend.

## Staffing

We have appointed 3 new members of staff.

- Mr Soni will be working as an SEN ETA and providing ETA support for our Y5 teachers.
- Mrs Loonat will be working with an SEN child in YR.
- Mrs Mulliner will be working as an ETA in YR from September onwards.

We will also be appointing 5 new teachers for September 2016; 3 to cover maternity posts and 2 for full-time substantive posts. Interviews will be held towards the end of this  $\frac{1}{2}$  term. I will let parents know who the successful candidates

## What's Going On in School...

Childline visited the school over the last two weeks. Children in KS2 took part in an assembly about keeping themselves safe. Year 5 and Year 6 participated in additional workshops exploring E-Safety and how children can keep themselves safe online.

The Year 2 children are taking part in Mini-Mission Active every Tuesday morning, they are taking part in competitive games and also developing their sports skills.

The fire brigade visited the Year 5 children last week and discussed car safety. Children learnt about the importance of wearing seat belts.

Archery continues to take place after school for Y6. Children are learning how to use a real bow and arrow; the coaches are in the process of selecting children who they think have developed their skills to a standard whereby they can compete with children from other schools. So watch this space for updates!

We had a visit from PC Whitehouse, our local Police Liaison Officer. He led an assembly about the use of inappropriate language and stereotyping.

We have made links with Westerton Primary School in Leeds; a school with a different ethnic mix to ours. The children have met and are going to be doing an assembly in both schools about 'Mutual Respect and Tolerance'. The school council will also be doing some joint fundraising in the summer term.

### School Uniform

The summer school uniform is a blue gingham dress, white leggings or tights, blue school cardigan and a white headscarf. Some parents have mentioned that they have been unable to find white leggings. Below is a list of providers, online shopping options are also available.

Store	Description	Age	Price	Consists of
Matalan	GIRLS 2PK WHITE LEGGINGS	3-13 YRS	3-7 YRS - £6	2 WHITE FULL LENTGH
			8+ YRS - £7	LEGGINGS
Tesco	F&F 2PK WHITE LEGGINGS	5-14 YRS	FROM £5	1 WHITE & 1 GREY FULL
				LENGTH LEGGINGS
Asda	GIRLS SCHOOL 2PK LEGGINGS	4-14 YRS	FROM £5	2 WHITE FULL LENGTH
				LEGGINGS