



Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to begin this newsletter to you by showering some well-deserved praise onto our Year 6 children and the way they tackled the pressure of this week's National Tests. I honestly cannot think back to a time in my professional life where a group of Year 6 children took on the challenge quite as well. In the room I was supervising, we even had time for the children to share with me their favourite joke, before the tests began; the atmosphere was very special. Many thanks to you as parents for all of the support you offered the children during the build up to these tests and during the week itself. The children have worked really hard and deserve to do well.

Next week the Year 2 children will be busy taking their tests and we are certain they will do very well indeed!

### **A request please:**

We have had a few instances over the past 2 weeks where parents and grandparents have approached the fences which run alongside the playground and have tried to call their children or grandchildren over to them during playtime and lunchtime. Please may I respectfully ask that you stop doing that. There are two main reasons for this, both to do with keeping our children both safe and happy. Firstly I do not, under any circumstances, want our children to go to the fence and talk to adults through the bars at lunchtimes or playtimes. We had one situation this week where a child did this to an adult who they thought they knew and it was, in fact, a stranger. We do not want to encourage the habit of going near the fence in this way. Secondly where some of our younger children have seen their parents and grandparents at lunchtime they have found it a little upsetting because seeing you reminds them of not being at school. This has led to some upset in the

afternoons, so please do not do this. Thank you so much with your co-operation here.

### **Trip Information**

**Year 6** trip to Southsea – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – no charge

**Year 4** trip to Staunton Country Park – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Nelson class Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Wilberforce total cost £4 to be paid by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**Year 2** trip to Marwell Zoo Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June –total cost £12.00 deposit of £5 by 17<sup>th</sup> May, remaining balance of £7 by 26<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Nursery News**

In Nursery next week we are going to start to have a letter of the week as part of our work on phonics. Our first letter is 'm'. Please point out to your child as many things as you can that begin with this letter.

We are doing lots of work on rhyme especially words that rhyme with the children's names for example Paul, ball. These are sometimes nonsense words for example Katy, latey.

We are also looking at alliteration & again the children love us using their names, for example perfect Paul. Have a go at home the children love it!

### **Year R**

Thanks for all the junk that you have been bringing in so far. Please keep collecting because the more we have, the better our models will be.

Reception will be writing their own stories about aliens and space in the next few weeks. Please encourage them with their handwriting to continue the amazing improvement we have

already seen. Using story language like 'Once upon a time' at home will really help them out.

### **Year 1**

As part of our pirate topic, Year 1 are learning a story about Pirate Tom. They know lots of actions to the story and would love to tell you the story at home. We are also thinking about alliteration in literacy at the moment, finding words that begin with the same sound.

In maths, we are learning to subtract two 2-digit numbers by subtracting the ones first, then the tens column.

In science, we are thinking about inventors. We are going to think about 'problems' and how something could be invented to solve the problem.

Our topic learning next week is all about famous pirates and we will be learning all about Blackbeard and what he was famous for.

### **Year 2**

This week the children have become authors and poets! They have written and published stories about an animal that has lost something and are writing animal poems using the senses as a stimulus.

Next week is SATS week in Year 2. The children are well prepared and excited about being able to show how well they have been doing with their learning. Thank you for all the help you have been giving them at home with their practise books. Please reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and we know they will all be trying their best next week during 'Challenge Week'!

As well as SATS we will also be having a science focus. We are learning about forces and how things move using pushes and pulls. Take your child to your local park and talk to them about when they need to push or pull objects or their own bodies to play on different activities. In our topic work we are learning about African animals, please help your child do some research about their favourite African animal ready to fill in a fact file next week.

Keep an eye out for important information about an upcoming trip and a chance for you to come and watch your child in a performance showcasing some of the learning they have been doing. Year 2 News

### **Year 3**

Year 3 have continued to work hard on their new units of work this week and we are really impressed with their efforts. Moving into next week they will be continuing to work on angles and shape in maths. We will be also having an arithmetic test and would really appreciate it if children could be practising their times tables at home. In literacy we will be looking at Stone Age diary entries, which links to work we will be doing related to the Stone Age in the afternoons.

### **Year 4**

Next week in Year 4 we are going on a trip to Staunton Country Park (Nelson - Tuesday 16th and Wilberforce - Wednesday 17th). This trip will allow us to explore the British countryside and the animals and plants which thrive in it. The purpose of this trip is also to act as a stimulus for us writing an informational leaflet about the park.

Our numeracy focus will change from angle and shape onto co-ordinates and symmetry.

Next week the children will be taking their half termly assessments in SPaG and Arithmetic, so please keep practicing your spellings at home.

We hope your projects are starting to take shape and you are enjoying creating your future masterpieces.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to a member of the Year 4 team.

### **Year 5**

In literacy next week we will be starting to write our Historical Narrative using everything we have learnt so far this term.

In maths we will be looking at 3D shapes and beginning to identify their properties.

During topic, we will begin to look at features of a Viking longship and using our sketching skills to recreate them.

Please continue to practice telling the time at home - we are beginning to see some improvement during maths meeting.

### **Year 6**

Wow! We could not be prouder of your children; they have worked extremely hard and really shown off what they can do!

Next week we will be heading out to Southsea on Monday for a well-deserved rest and relaxation. After that, for the rest of the week, we will be finalising our WW2 project work ready for a big VE street party celebration day. Keep an eye out for your invitations next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

# Attendance

## Winners

Well Done to Picasso class,  
Luther-King class & Travers  
Class on their highest  
attendance .

Also well done to Rowling  
Class, Edison class, Curie  
Class, Luther-King & Travers  
Class for the least amount of  
lates.