



Live To Learn. Learn To Grow

Newsletter

April 2022

We have only been in school nine days during April but we have all been working hard with our learning. This is the final Summer Term and each learner needs to focus on their targets especially for Reading, Writing and Maths if they are to make progress towards achieving the objectives of their current year group. Home Learning is an essential part of this. Please can all parents ensure that their child reads daily and completes all learning set on Google Classroom.

Contained within this Newsletter is an overview of upcoming events to be aware of and to prepare for.

SATs for Year 6

Year 6 will sit their SATs tests on the week beginning the 9th May. It is extremely important that the learners stick to a clear learning routine prior to this. EID is at the beginning of May and on the 5th May learning will be online for the rest of the school when the school is used as a Polling Station. On these days, it is vital that all learners in Year 6 still physically attend school or this will be two days of SAT preparation and support lost. This could significantly impact on how well they perform in the tests as dropping one or two marks can be the difference between a pass or fail.

All the Year 6 staff will be in school during EID and on the 5th May as they are a dedicated team who want the best for your child. They have created a very detailed plan of support and preparation which is layered over the days before the tests and missing any part of this will affect acquisition of skills and knowledge. We thank all parents for your support in ensuring that your child is in school every day and that no learning time is missed.

Year 2 SATs will commence on the week beginning the 16th May.

EID

School will be open as usual on the day when Eid falls. All learners from Nursery to Year 6 will be able to access their class, learning and teaching staff on this day and the learning timetable will be as normal. Learners may come to school in their Eid clothes on this day if they wish.

Please note that the children are granted one day to celebrate Eid with their families. You do not need to contact the Office to notify us on the day that you are celebrating. Eid Mubarak to all those celebrating Eid.



Year 1 Phonic Screening

On the week beginning the 6th June, the Year 1 Phonic Screening Test will take place. All learners in Year 1 will be required to read forty real and not real words to test if they have learnt phonics to an age appropriate standard. The pass mark is usually around 32. Forty-three parents from Year 1 attended the Phonic Workshops delivered by Miss Charlesworth which was brilliant. At this Workshop, games and resource packs were shared to play at home.

Each week the Year 1 teachers send home a list of words for the focus sound / phoneme and a Phoneme Spotter. Please continue to practise reading these words daily, using your flash cards and playing the games. It is also important to read daily and build and blend the words.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

On the week beginning the 6th June, the Year 4 Multiplication check will take place. Mrs Hobman has delivered two Multiplication Workshops and over thirty five parents attended. Please continue to practise times table facts on a daily basis in lots of different ways, including the inverse and missing numbers. This is also important for all learners across Key Stage 2 and recall of number bonds to 20 is an important skill to practise for learners across Key Stage 1.



Goodbyes

This half term we sadly said goodbye to Viv Howarth, our Cleaning Supervisor, who has retired after 29 years at the school. She is going to travel Britain and Europe in her caravan and we wish her all the very best. We will miss her!

We also wish Mrs Patel, who was based in EYFS, all the best in her new LSA role in Year 1 at her new school.

Damage to School Property

Unfortunately, we have recently had some young members of our community climbing over the fence and vandalising equipment and parts of the school building. The most recent break in, resulted in the theft of some football, a scooter and some benches as well as serious damage to the new Nursery area. Our security firm did get called out on these occasions and on one event the youths were told to leave the yard. On another occasion, a parent spotted some youths on the school roof. The parent asked them to leave and they did.

Please can we ask that if you hear anything about these events, let us know as we have also logged the break-in with the police. In addition please also be vigilant if you are passing school and if you notice anything suspicious please call the police immediately. The school and its resources are for our learners and we need to make sure that no one thinks that they can enter our grounds damaging and taking what doesn't belong to them.

Parking

Thank you to all the parents who drive to collect their children from school who continue to park safely away from the school gates, yellow lines and junctions. It is vital that parents continue to park appropriately to avoid causing both an obstruction and danger to pedestrians. The police are monitoring the situation regularly and will issue fines if they spot any offences.

Finally

Thank you as always for your parental support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns and we will provide the necessary support and guidance.

Please note that Monday 2nd May is a Bank Holiday and that we finish on Thursday 26th May at 3:20pm for the half term break. Returning on Wednesday 8th June.