

Friday 17th May

Dear Parents, Carers, and Children,

Y6 SATS and other Statutory Testing

Year 6 children have worked especially hard this week and have approached their SATS with focus and determination. We are feeling very proud of them, not only for their best efforts in the tests, but for all their hard work in preparation. We couldn't have asked for a better effort from each and every one of them. Thank you to all the staff who have worked with and supported Year 6, and everyone in their families who has supported them in preparation and through what can sometimes be a tricky week.

This year, participation in the key stage 1 SATS (Year 2) is non-statutory (optional) and involvement during the testing window is left to a school's discretion. We feel it is in the best interests of the children in Year 2 to spend time during the suggested testing period to continue with their normal lessons making as much progress with their learning as possible. We shall use some of the testing materials to inform teacher assessments of the children's attainment at the end of the school year, like other year groups in school. Children in Year 1, and some in Year 2, will be completing the Phonics Check next half term and Year 4 pupils also will be completing the Multiplication Check. Separate letters have been sent to the parents of participating pupils.

Sports Themed Writing Week

We are very excited to welcome a host of sporting visitors into school next week, to inspire the children in their learning. We have representatives from many different sporting groups across Northwich who will lead talks, workshops and activities with the children. We're very grateful to Cheshire FA (football), Northwich Sapphires (netball), Cheshire Cricket, DFC Coaching (football), Vale Royal Athletics Club, Northwich Rowing Club, Blue Dragon Tae Kwon-Do, Hartford Sub-Aqua Club (underwater diving), Northwich Rugby Club and Cheshire Gymnastics for taking part and helping to provide a fun and enriching week of learning. Keep your eyes on Facebook for updates.

Sports Day Reminder

Everyone in school is looking forward to Sports Day next Wednesday and we hope you can come and join us. We have three separate events, all on the school field. Full arrangements and details are in the [Sports Day Letter](#). There are varying weather forecasts for Wednesday next week so fingers crossed we will be able to go ahead. The back up date, if we get heavy rain, is Tuesday 11th June.

Wednesday 22nd May	Reception and Nursery	Years 1 and Year 2	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Time	9.15am	10.15am	1.30pm

Staffing Updates

We are very sad to tell you that next week will be Mr 'A's' last week in school before he retires. Mr A has worked at Winnington Park as Site Manager for over 7 years; keeping everyone safe, leading Forest Schools, Let's Walk training, First Aid training, and helping out with all sorts of school events such as residentials and PTA Adventure Night. Everyone in school is very grateful to Mr A for his hard work and commitment to the school and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

Mr Harrison has been recruited as our new Site Manager and with his knowledge of the school from his work as Caretaker over the last year, we know he'll do a great job and we're very pleased that he's been able to step into this role.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Allen (we will have two Mrs Allens!) who has recently joined our staff team as a teaching assistant. Mrs Allen has a wealth of experience working in schools and we are very pleased that she has joined the school.

Open Mornings

A reminder that you are invited to join your child in their classroom on these mornings to take part in lessons (Science, Geography, History, RE or Art). Please return the reply slip on the [Open Morning Letter](#) to your child's class teacher to indicate your attendance.

Time/Date	Monday 10 th June	Wednesday 12 th June	Thursday 13 th June
9.05am	Year 1 & Year 6	Nursery, Year 4 & Year 5	Reception, Year 2 & Year 3

Parentalk

Parentalk is a supportive, video and discussion based course about the realities and difficulties of bringing up young children. There are five sessions looking at different strategies that can help with family life. Mrs Nicholas, our Family Support Worker, is currently contacting families who have expressed an interest in attending. Please contact school if you would like to be involved and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Tesco Stronger Starts

Thank you to everyone who has been voting for our school in Tesco stores around Northwich. Please make sure you request a voting token when shopping. The top prize is £1500 so can really make a difference to tight school budgets!

Family Picnic and Early School Closure on Tuesday 23rd July 1.15pm

On the last day of the Summer term, Tuesday 23rd July, we will be holding our family picnic from 12.00pm on the school field. School will close early to all pupils at 1.15pm following the picnic. Children will return to class for their afternoon registration mark and then be available for collection in the normal way. All pupils will need collecting. Winnington Winners after school club will only be open for the morning session on this day. Further details will be sent in a separate letter and we hope to be able to see as many of you as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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