



## Newsletter

### May 2019

Dear all,

Many thanks for all of the good wishes and support this week while both the Year 2 and Year 6 children began their SATs. The children have been great and really trying hard to do their best and really show off their learning. The Year 2 children will continue with their SATs next week so continued good luck to them.

A new addition to our SATs preparation this year was the incredibly well attended breakfast club which was hosted by FOSS. It was a great way to start the day for the Year 6 children and I think there was an amazing 40 litres of orange juice (a litre per child on average!). A HUGE thank you to FOSS for hosting – I know it was greatly appreciated by the children and staff so thank you! 😊

Mrs Emily Gore-Rowe

## Lunchtimes:

Thank you to those parents who have got in touch about the lunchtime trial. It is now into its third week and we are continually listening to feedback to ensure that lunchtimes evolve to be the most enjoyable experience for all.

From this feedback, we are looking to introduce the following:

**Free flow day** – Each house will have a day where they can choose to join any of their friends in any house / area providing they are respectful. This will initially be one day a week but it is hoped that we will be able to introduce this on other days too.

**Year 5/6 Chill-Out Zone** – this is an area where the Year 5/6 children are able to go and talk amongst their friends rather than join in with their house's activity on that day.

We are able to offer a new range of lunchtime to coincide with Year 6 finishing their SATs. The children have been looking forward to starting these and they will be getting under way next week.

A questionnaire will be going out to parents, staff and children next week to enable us gain a real perspective on what has been successful and what still needs to be worked on.

On this note we are arranging for a Local Authority advisor who has lots of experience in developing this kind of lunchtime arrangement to come in to give us further advice.

Next week (week beginning 20 May) we are running open lunch sessions to enable you to come and have lunch with your child, but also see the new lunchtime structure in action.

If you would like to come along to one of these sessions, please sign up at the office to enable you to order your lunch. Our open lunch sessions were very popular last time so please sign up promptly to avoid disappointment.

## Safeguarding:

Please can we remind you that if you are entering the school building through the main entrance, can you not let others in as you leave. This is not due to the fact that we are wishing to be impolite but it is vital that all visitors are admitted and greeted by staff only as per safeguarding guidance.

Regarding visitors to the school, it is to be reminded that any visits to classes should not be occurring unless they have been agreed, arranged initially and then subsequently escorted to the class. Please do not be offended by these measures; they are put in place to ensure that the children's safety is first and foremost in our thoughts.

During the Summer holidays, there will be various works going on one of which will be a new security system on the front door. This will allow the whole process of visiting the school smoother and most importantly safer for the children.

These measures are standard safeguarding procedure in the most recent Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) document.

### **Class Structure:**

As a staff (governors included) we have been working hard over the last few weeks to ensure that the class structure we adopt next year is the best possible for all parties but is also sustainable in the long term. With our average intake of children being 45, it is necessary from a financial point of view to run mixed year classes and therefore looking at the numbers we have come up with three different class structures that we believe could work in our school. These structures are attached with the newsletter and we would welcome your thoughts on the matter at the Parent Forum on Thursday 23 May from 2:45pm. If you cannot make the Parent Forum but would like to share your thoughts, please contact the school via the usual methods.

### **Post box:**

You may not have noticed the post box that is on the wall by the office window – however you can now use this for a variety of things: post a comment, question, suggestion or raise a concern (these can be named or anonymous); drop off forms, dinner money or leave a note for staff. As well as giving you another way of getting in touch, it may just save you a bit of time rather than queueing in the morning or at the end of the day!

### **Recruitment:**

We are currently recruiting for two teachers to fulfil existing roles within the school and we are hoping to bring good news on this front with the next newsletter.

As discussed previously, we have two admin roles coming up in the office so please watch this space if you're interested.

### **Sun Safety**

With the sunnier weather of late, we can only hope for more of the same. However, with the nice weather, comes the necessity of protecting ourselves from the sun. It has been nice to see a lot more sun hats in school this week but it would be good to see a lot more if the weather continues. Please ensure that these hats are named. Sun cream is also essential when the temperature gets warmer and from a logistical point of view, 24 hour sun cream is ideal however if this isn't the case, please ensure that the sun cream is named and staff will be on hand to supervise and support the younger children to do this to ensure that they remain protected from the sun.



## Dates for your diary:

- Year 2 SAT tests will be undertaken over the two weeks 13th - 25th May. These are undertaken in a low pressure, non-stressful way and pupils can come in to school in the usual way.
- **Phonics** workshops for Year 1 parents: Thursday 16th May - 5.30pm
- **Enterprise week:** Week beginning 20th May: Based around the work of Leonardo Da Vinci, the children will be creating and pitching their own inventions to a number of 'Dragons' in a 'Dragons Den' at the end of the week. Would you like to be a 'dragon'?
- **Open lunch dates:** join us this week for lunch, have a tour of the school, see what has changed and is changing, including the new lunchtime arrangements. Further details to follow.
- **Football matches** -home vs St. Andrew's: 20th May 3.30pm;- home at Wilburton: 22nd May 3.30pm
- **Parent Forum:** 23rd May - 2.45: Post Ofsted action so far & future plans & class structures
- Break up for ½ term break 24th May, INSET day Monday 3rd June, children return on Tuesday 4th
- **Art Week:** week beginning 10th June
- **Parent Forum:** 11th June - 8.45am
- **Football matches** -home v The Weatheralls 24th June
- **Governors Teaching and Learning Committee meeting:** 26th June - 6pm
- **Parent Forum:** 27th June - 2.45pm
- **Summer Sports Festival:** Week beginning 1st July House tournaments & circuit days and race day Tuesday 2nd (further dates and times to be confirmed)
- **Year 6 Transition days** 3rd & 4th July. Jump up days will also be on these days.
- **Year 6 Residential** 10th-12th July
- The dates and times for the end of year performance will be confirmed later this week.
- **End of term community service at St. Andrew's church** 24th July

## Further dates TBC:

- YR Phonics SOLOS
- Early Years, new intake transition programme to be published this week.