



Friday 12th May 2017

Note from Mrs Coulthard

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The main events taking place this week were of course the Y6 SATs tests. I am extremely proud to say that the children approached these with both determination and resilience. I must also thank the staff that supported our pupils prior to, and during, the tests. We are blessed to have such hardworking and caring staff in our schools.

Over the next few weeks our Y2 pupils will be undertaking their SATs.

Last month we were successful in a bid to the DfE's 'MAT Capacity Building Fund' and were awarded £60,000 to contribute towards building further capacity in leadership in our schools. Some of this money is being used to deliver a Leadership Programme for aspiring leaders. I am delighted that sixteen of our staff across both schools have embarked on this programme and look forward to seeing the impact.

The closing date for applications for the role of Parent Governor for our Local Governing Body of each school was on Tuesday. I am delighted to announce that the following parents were successful in their application:

St George's:

Mrs. Lyndsey Neal

Miss Claire Hodgkiss

St Mark's:

Mrs. Kelly Hilton

Mr. Graham O'Brien

We look forward to working with them to represent the best interest of our schools.

Mrs. Coulthard

Miss Young - What's been happening this week....?

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been KS2 SATs for our Y6 pupils, I'd like to take this opportunity to praise every single child who gave it their all this week. Regardless of scores and results it has been heart-warming to see the children show such dedication and resilience during what could have been quite a stressful time for many. As you will know, these tests only measure certain aspects of a curriculum which does not in any way give credit to the endless talents that we know our children possess. The results of these will be shared with parents and children once they are received by school towards the end of this term.

Throughout May we will also be implementing KS1 'Quizzes' which will be taking place over the next two weeks. Should any Y2 parents have any further questions about this (although information has been sent home). Y1 pupils (and some Y2 pupils) will also sit their Phonics 'Quiz' week beginning 12th June. Our younger children do not need to know about any of these external pressures and therefore they are kept as informal as is possible.

As the weather is getting warmer, please could we remind you to send your child's sunhat (labelled) and water bottle (labelled) in to school every day.

Some parents have also sent sun cream in to school (labelled) which we are unable to apply but they can apply it themselves. There are sun creams that you can also buy which are 'once a day' sun creams that you can apply before your child comes into school.

I am pleased to inform you of the result from our recent parent governor election. The successful candidates are Miss Lyndsey Neal and Miss Claire Hodgkiss. We look forward to welcoming them to our Local Governing Body.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Young

What's coming up next week....?

Thursday 18th – 19th May – Year 1/2 DH – Sealife residential

Friday 19th – 20th May – Year 1/2 RK – Sealife residential

Notices:

For the safety of our pupils please do not drive onto the school car park to drop off or pick up children.

I am delighted to announce the money raised for Meningitis Now in memory of my daughter Joanna Yates.

Lemonade Stall	£147.58
Pennies for Lent	£145.31
<u>World Book Day</u>	<u>£589.06</u>
Total	£881.95

Thank you so much to everybody that has contributed in any way to raising this fantastic amount of money. I am still amazed that some children handed over their entire money boxes in the Lent collection and also how creative and dedicated pupils have been in coming up with ideas to raise money. It shows just how much they care and it is very comforting for my family as I have been going home and sharing all the stories.

Thanks again,
Mrs. Yates



Meningitis now is a hard working charity that aims to put a stop to the disease completely by developing vaccines against all forms of meningitis.

