

Reminder: Please ensure school dinner debts and wraparound care payments are made via ParentPay

## What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Summer Football Club Yrs 1-6	Yr6 Grammar Guru	Yr6 Grammar Guru Homework & ICT Club Cross Country Club	English Excellence Foxes Fun with Figures Yr6 Grammar Guru Summer Athletics Club Yrs 2-6	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm

## A Testing Time

*Making sure we encourage our children to shine*

Welcome back after the Easter Break. It was lovely to see all of the children in school and smiling this week. I trust you all had a lovely break and are now ready for the busiest terms of the year.

The first half of the Summer Term is a very important time in school, as our children prepare for national statutory tests (SATS).

Each year children in Year 2 and Year 6 complete formal assessments to measure their progress and overall attainment. The assessments we complete are designed to give parents and the school important information about how well each child is doing, what their next steps are, and allow us to judge how the school is doing overall. Children in Year 1 also complete the phonics screen to allow us to accurately assess their understanding of the sounds they use in reading.

We have completed national statutory tests for many years and are well aware of the problems caused by placing too much pressure on our children. We ALWAYS make sure that testing and assessment is never a frightening or unpleasant experience for the children. Years of experience have shown us that excellent preparation and relaxed and happy children, do far better in tests.

We do our very best to make sure that children achieve what they deserve by teaching them to the best of our ability. We support them in class, with early morning booster sessions, revision packs and individualised support. Surprisingly many of our children actually look forward to completing tests, seeing them as an opportunity to show what they are capable of and as another chance to make their parents proud of them.

For Year 6 the tests start the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May and for Y2 they are in the last week of half term (21<sup>st</sup> May). There will be parents meetings for those year groups before the tests so you know what to expect and if you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

The best preparation you can give your child is ensuring they are in school every day in the run up to the tests so they don't miss out on valuable input from their teacher.

**Mrs Cross**  
**Executive Head**



Don't forget to log into eSchools to see what is happening on your children's class pages. The eSchools 'App' is available for you to download from the Apple or Google Play stores. The App will allow you to receive text notifications directly from the school to your mobile device. Login is also available via the School website

## Spot Light on Excellence...



### Spotlight – Sun Safety

As we are entering the summer term and we are keeping our fingers crossed for warmer temperatures (especially after our snow filled winter), I am taking this opportunity to remind parents of how we keep our children safe at school.

### We promote:

- The teaching of sun safety lessons during PHSE
- Pupils wearing hats when outside
- Children regularly drinking water and staying hydrated
- Where possible, all doors and windows being opened to provide a through breeze and classroom blinds drawn
- Physical education lessons which are carefully planned to avoid sun exposure, unnecessary exertion and dehydration
- In extreme weather, outdoor PE lessons which last for no more than 30 minutes and children are then brought indoors and given time to rest and drink water.
- Children with medical conditions such as asthma being monitored and supported appropriately

### How parents can help:

- Provide children with sun hats
  - Apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school
- Let's hope we have a glorious summer term!

**Mrs Smith**  
**Associate Headteacher**

## Dates for your Diary

### Summer Term

- 23/04/18: St George's Day Lunch  
23/04/18: Summer Football Club begins (10 wks)  
26/04/18: Summer Athletics Club begins (10 wks)  
27/04/18: Embody Dance Summer Term begins

### May Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

- 14/05/18: Yr6 SATS begin  
21/04/18: Yr2 SATS begin  
22/05/18: Photographer - Class Photographs

### Half Term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

- 08/06/18 - 11/06/18: Manor Adventure Trip - Badgers  
22/06/18: **Staff Training Day**

### Summer Term ends Friday 20th July

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.



We had a visit from 'The Animal Man' (Lady) this week— Laura brought in all manner of creatures, great & small, which the children were very excited to meet and learn some fascinating facts.

We have a few pictures for you to have a look at, although some of you may not be keen on seeing all of the critters that visited the school!!



"The Gecko, it touched my shoe"—Ellie R



"The cockroach was much harder than I thought and it wasn't as disgusting as other ones I have seen"—Kai



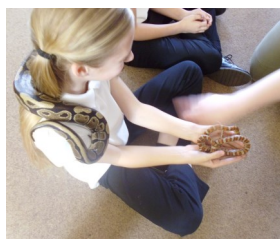
"We stroked the owl and it was smooth"—Lily R

"I liked the massive, massive, massive snake"—Harry F-M

"The tarantula was hairy and it was a pink-orange colour. I didn't hold it because I am scared of spiders"—Ellie D

"The Royal Python is cold blooded"—Ethan R

"She had my favourite animal which was the tortoise, but the cockroach crawled all over me. It tickled! "- A J Clarke



"I held Eric the owl—he was beautiful and very well mannered"—Mrs Woodcock



### Last Week's Postcards Home

Butterflies = Hartley Green

Hedgehogs = Lily Hathaway

Dragonflies = Matthew Vernon

Foxes = Harvey Siekiera

Badgers = Ellie Demeda

*If your child receives a postcard please bring it back to school so it can be shared in our celebration assembly on Friday afternoon! This postcard is your invite to our celebration assembly on Friday at 2.40pm in the hall.*

**St George's Day**  
**Best of England**  
**Lunch Menu**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018**

**Award Winning British Pork Bangers**  
(Veggie Sausages available for vegetarians)  
**with Creamy Mash and Gravy**  
or  
**Harry Ramsden's Seaside Battered Fish**  
**with Chips** Mr. Ramsden opened his first fish and chip restaurant in Guiseley, West Yorkshire in 1883 and went on to build a business that today, sells over 4 million portions of fish and chips every year. Considered to be such an important part of the British diet, fish and chips remained unrationed throughout WWII.

**Garden Peas or Baked Beans**  
(v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse  
or  
(v) Homemade Jam Tart

The 23<sup>rd</sup> April is also the birthday of  
Warwickshire's most famous son,  
William Shakespeare the English poet  
and playwright.  
"Tis an ill cook that cannot lick his  
own fingers."  
From Twelfth Night by William  
Shakespeare

**the NUTRI GANG**  
"On a mission for nutrition"

### Wood End Club Forthcoming Events.....

<b>Quiz Nite ~</b>	Every 3rd Thursday of the month
<b>Sat 19th May~</b>	Simon Garcia—singer/saxophone
<b>Sun 27th May~</b>	Bank Holiday Fun Day/BBQ/Bouncy Castle
	All Welcome!

### Attendance W/E 29/03/18

	Last Week	Year
Ladybirds	86.05%	95.22%
Butterflies	78.98%	91.67%
Hedgehogs	96.12%	94.83%
Dragonflies	89.17%	95.09%
Foxes	89.73%	94.11%
Badgers	92.86%	96.10%

**Please ensure you make contact with the school each day that your child is unable to attend**