

# Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Parents/Carers,

The term is whizzing by, so it seems a good time to send out dates for upcoming events and other information. Let's hope the sun continues to shine and the weather warms up - fingers crossed!



## **Reminder**

Now it is sunnier, please send your child with a hat and suntan lotion to reapply during the day. For the youngest children in Reception, please send them with cream already applied as I'm sure you can appreciate how long this would take staff to do for a class and they do tend to get a bit over enthusiastic and covered from head to foot when they do it themselves!

## **Assessments**

It is that time of year again when certain year groups have national tests. The children have been working very hard in preparation for these.

- Year 2 SATs tests will take place the week commencing the 16th May
- Year 1 phonics test will be during the week beginning 7th June
- Year 4 multiplication tables check will take place during June

As parents, if you would like to access resources to support your child, the following links will take you to past papers available online:

**YEAR 1 Phonics tests:** <http://www.satspapers.org.uk/Page.aspx?TId=21>

**YEAR 2:** <https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/ks1-sats-papers>

**YEAR 4:** <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

## **Curriculum this term...**



### **Woodpecker Class**

The topic this term is 'A Bug's Life', the children are learning about life processes and what animals need to be healthy and to survive. They look more closely at minibeasts and the habitats/ microhabitats that they live in. The children study food chains and life cycles for different minibeasts.



### **Kingfisher Class**

The topic this term is 'Let there be light', the children are learning that light travels from a source, that dark is the absence of light and that we need light to see. The children study how our eyes work and can name the internal and external parts of an eye. They will learn that light can be reflected and investigate shadows.

## **COVID-19 update**

**Dean Wallace, Director of Public Health, wrote to all schools at the end of April to clarify guidance for education settings in cases of Covid which is summarised below:**

- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to their education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough.



- If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result, they should try to stay at home and, where possible, avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal, as long as they feel well.

### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is given the highest priority at Stretton-Handley. Mrs Knight and Mr Cooke are the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads so please do let them know if you ever have concerns. There may be other times when adults are concerned about children in the community. If so, then you can contact Derbyshire County Council's Child Protection department on 01629 533190 or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.



Please note where parents/carers are invited is in red

w/b 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2 SATs week
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Grape and Wafer Service at St Mark's. A chance for children and parents to take part in a communion service, led by Rev Peter Bold. 2.30pm at St Mark's Church. Parents are welcome to take children home from the service
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Good to Be Green reward day for pupils 
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	End of term  Non-uniform day - the children are welcome to come in anything red, white or blue to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We would like to invite you in to school from 12.30pm to share a picnic lunch with the children and take part in activities 😊
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed due to extra day in lieu of Queen's Jubilee
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Term starts - Y1 phonics test will be done during this week
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 residential to Mount Cook - Mr Cooke will be sending out information closer to the time via Class Dojo.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (1.30pm)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre 2.30pm onwards
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Pupil school reports to be sent out
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Final day of term

Best wishes,

From all the staff at Stretton Handley

