

## Year 6 Newsletter number 3 – Summer 2014

Welcome to the third of this year's newsletter. Obviously this term is going to be busy and there will be lots going on; most importantly, the SATs, which begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. This timetable shows you what is happening each day that week:

*Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – English reading tests*

*Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – English grammar, punctuation and spelling tests*

*Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Mental mathematics test and mathematics paper 1*

*Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Mathematics paper 2. The level 6 maths papers will also be taken on this day.*

In the lead up to the tests, it is really important that your child is in school as we will be doing a lot of last minute revision over the coming days. Also, please make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep during test week. MyMaths ([www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)) is a brilliant revision tool offering plenty of practice, as does the Woodlands Junior website. (<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>) I also encourage your child to continue reading for 15 minutes every day to prepare them for the reading test.

Over the coming few days, Maths and English lessons are going to be focused on revision and we will continue looking at past papers and test questions and the key skills needed in both subjects. The children have been working hard preparing for the grammar test and I would like to point you again towards the BBC Bitesize website for extra practice. ([www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2))

Following the SATs, we will be preparing the children for transition to High School. There will be a number of transition days after half term, where your child will spend time at their chosen high school, experiencing lessons and meeting teachers.

Our topics this term include Wales, where we shall be looking at Mount Snowdon and the coast of Wales, and Electricity and Magnetism. We will also be joining with the rest of the school in a two week topic celebrating the Football World Cup. Look out for more details after half term. In English, the children will be writing a book, and this will cover a lot of different areas of writing, as well as art and technology activities.

As always, homework is given out each Wednesday, to be returned by the following Monday. Homework will include daily reading of at least 15 minutes (this could be to themselves, to you or a mix of the two), practising a times table, a maths activity (including MyMaths) based on work covered in class during the week and an English activity. We shall be finishing the Nature diary this term. There may be lists of spellings to learn and topic-based research too. Homework club is still available to all children during Assembly time on Thursday and Friday each week, should your child wish to attend. Missed homework will be made up in your child's playtimes. I appreciate your support in helping your child to do their homework.

**Diary dates** – SATs week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May, Cycling Proficiency 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June, (mornings only) Derbyshire residential trip week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> June, Leavers' Assembly 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 9:10am.

If you have any concerns, please come in and talk to me or pop a note in your child's planner, as I check these weekly.

Mrs Kurtz