

Year 6 Newsletter number 3 – Summer 2015

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 11th May**. This timetable shows you what is happening each day that week:

Monday 11th – English reading tests. (Level 6 test in the afternoon.)

Tuesday 12th – English grammar, punctuation and spelling tests (Level 6 test in the afternoon.)

Wednesday 13th – Mental mathematics test and mathematics paper 1

Thursday 14th – Mathematics paper 2. (Level 6 tests in the afternoon.)

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) 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)

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. Staff will also be coming into school to meet the children in class.

Our topics this term include The Tudors, Living Things and their Habitats, Derbyshire and the Mayans. Our Tudor topic gives us the opportunity to visit Kentwell to take part in their annual Tudor recreation. This year it will be 1588 at the time of the Spanish Armada. More details of this trip very soon. <http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Tudors.html>

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 are also trying out a short topic based homework project, similar to the kind of activity your child is likely to receive at High School next year. Homework club is still available to all children after school on Wednesday from 3-4pm and 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 11th May, class assembly - 3rd June (time to be confirmed), Derbyshire residential trip week beginning 8th June, visit to Kentwell - June 16th, Norfolk Show trip – July 1st, Leavers' Assembly 21st 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