



9th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – 9TH MAY 2024

We hope you all had a wonderful bank holiday weekend and enjoyed some quality family time together. With the better weather, we're sure many of you got outdoors and made the most of the long weekend.

As we move into the run up to the May half term, it's an important time for our children's assessments, particularly for our Year 6, Year 2, Year 1 and Year 4 pupils. The children have been working incredibly hard, and we have every confidence they will demonstrate all they have learned over the course of this year. After the half term break, assessments will then take place in all other year groups.

KS2 Statutory Assessments:

From Monday 13th May our Year 6 pupils will be taking their Key Stage 2 SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) from Monday to Thursday. Year 6 have been working extremely hard and we're sure you will join us in wishing them all the best of luck.

As a reminder to Y6 parents: During this important week, we ask Y6 parents to help them to get plenty of sleep, have a good breakfast, bring water and bananas daily and give them lots of support. Y6 children can also bring a well-deserved treat to be enjoyed after each test day such as a chocolate bar (no snacks with nuts please). Year 6 staff will be available from 8.00am-8.30am daily (Monday-Thursday) for any children who would like to access a quick revision session. We are also offering all Y6 pupils a free breakfast snack of a bacon sandwich or a cereal bar if they prefer, before school on each of the SATs days from 8.30am where they will be able to have a snack and a relaxing chat with their friends and staff in the dining room. Pupils should access school via the main school entrance on arrival at either 8.00am or 8.30am.

KS1 Optional Assessments:

Pupils in Year 2 have begun their optional assessments this week as recommended by the DFE and have been absolute superstars! The assessment period for them will continue after Y6 SATS week.

Year 1 Statutory Phonics Screen:

Pupils in Year 1 will undertake their statutory phonics screen week commencing 10th June. We are so pleased with their fantastic reading – it will be a joy to listen to them.

Year 4 Statutory Multiplication Check:

From Monday 3rd June the test two-week window opens for the Year 4 Multiplication Check. If you have been charting their journey through our social media posts you will have seen what 'Rock Heroes' they are. We are excited to see their speedy recall.



Playground KS2:

We are delighted to have secured from the DFE the resurfacing works of 74K including all sports markings. This is a fantastic outcome for all our children to be able to enjoy now and for years to come. Work will take place over the half term holiday.

Cosy Cove:

Work will also begin in the half term holiday in Cosy Cove on KS2. This area will be developed as a creative and wellbeing area. We have secured £5,000 lottery funding for this – along with £500 from Alex Sier in Year 4 who was amazing and won the Doncaster Racecourse's Leger Legends competition we previously told you about late last year – thank you Alex for this contribution! The art focus creation stations along with reading areas and growing areas will be a fantastic addition to provision.

Forest School Development Main School Field:

Work is commencing on the copse area of the main school field by securing funding of £10,000 through the CAS project (Creating Active Schools). Willow Management will begin clearing the area ready to develop our Forest School. An exciting addition for all our pupils to use.

Children's Safety

As part of our risk assessment, for the health and safety of all our children, may we remind you that dogs (with the exception of guide dogs), even if they are carried, are not allowed on school premises and should not be brought through the main school gates to both the KS1 and KS2 entrances. Could we please ask parents to share this information with other adults who may drop off/collect your child/ren.

Fundraising:

Thank you to everyone who contributed recently to our Trust Charity Day – the Yorkshire Air Ambulance - you helped to raise a fantastic £271.75.

Teacher Led Tuition Sessions:

A reminder the last sessions of the current block of Teacher Led Tuition Sessions are next week w/c 20th May (except Y6 which finish this week).

Class Photographs:

The School Photographer will be in school on Wednesday 5th June to take class photographs.

Term Dates 2024/2025:

A copy of the Term Dates for 2024/2025 including Training Days is attached for your information.

Parents' Diary Dates May-July 2024:

A reminder of the important dates for your diary taking place up to the summer holidays, can be found at the end of this update.

Increase in school meals costs:

We have been informed by Doncaster Schools' Catering that their costs have increased considerably this financial year, which is the same as their private sector competitors and other local authority providers against whom they continually benchmark to ensure best value. Therefore, they will be increasing the cost of the school meals they provide. With effect from Monday 3rd June 2024 the cost of a school lunch will be £2.80 per meal.



Half Term Holiday:

School closes 3.15pm on Friday 24th May 2024
Half Term Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May 2024 – inc.
School re-opens Monday 3rd June 2024

Regards
Yours sincerely



Debbie Secker
Principal



PARENTS' DIARY DATES – MAY-JULY 2024

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Monday-Thursday	13 th May-16 th May	KS2 SATs
Friday	17 th May	Y6 End of SATs Celebrations 1.00pm-3.10pm
Wednesday	15 th May	Y5 Visit to the Alhambra Theatre - Wicked
Thursday	23 rd May	Y1 The History Van – Victorians - visit into school
MAY HALF TERM		School closes on Friday 24 th May 2024 at 3.15pm School Closed Monday 27 th May-Friday 31 st May School re-opens Monday 3 rd June
Monday	3 rd June	Y6 History of the Holocaust - visit into school
w/c Mon	3 rd June	Y4 MTC Tests week 1/2
Tuesday	4 th June	Y3 Visit to Murton Park
Wednesday	5 th June	Class Photos – Photographer in school
Wednesday	5 th June	Year 1 Parents' Meeting - Phonics Screen Check - virtual
Wednesday	5 th June	Foundation (Nursery & Reception) Reptile Rendezvous visit into school
Thursday	6 th June	Y5 RSE Talk with School Nursing Team
Thursday	6 th June	Y4 Visit to Weston Park Museum
w/c Mon	10 th June	Y4 MTC Tests week 2/2
w/c Mon	10 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Tests and Y2 Phonics re-tests
Thursday	13 th June	Y6 RSE Talk with School Nursing Team
Tuesday	18 th June	Visit to Hill House – Classics Experience Day – selected Y5 pupils
Wednesday	19 th June	Nursery Sports Day for all Nursery children at 11.00am
w/c Mon	24 th June	Healthy Week
Tuesday	25 th June	Sports Day 9.15am-10.30am - Reception/KS1 1.30pm-3.00pm - KS2
Wednesday	26 th June	Visit to Hill House – Science Experience Day – selected Y6 pupils
Friday	28 th June	Trust Choir – End of Year Choir Concert
Monday	1 st July	Y6 End of Year Summer Performance – in the Main School Hall - parents/carers invited – 3.30pm-4.15pm
Tuesday	2 nd July	Summer Disco for Reception/KS1 & KS2 – after school - details to follow
Wed-Fri	3 rd July-5 th July	Y6 Residential Visit
w/c Mon	8 th July	Transition – your child will spend time in their new class for September on Monday 8 th , Wednesday 10 th and Friday 12 th
Tuesday	9 th July	Big Sing Event at the Dome – selected Y4 (current) pupils
Thursday	11 th July	Y5 (current) pupils Visit to the Great Yorkshire Show
Tuesday	16 th July	Y6 Leavers' Disco 1.00pm-3.30pm
Wednesday	17 th July	Y2 Visit to Whitby
Friday	19 th July	School closes at 3.15pm for the summer holidays

