



Friday 6th May 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to you on a beautiful summer day, on a Friday, when we are already half way through the term. Perhaps I am getting old but the weeks seem to fly by ! I am writing today with information about SATS for year 6 next week and the usual round up of events and information.

Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests

Year 6 pupils up and down the country will be sitting their SATS tests next week, including all of our year 6 pupils. The children have looked at practice papers in school and have covered the learning needed in order for them to sit the tests. We just ask them to try their best, we are very aware that lockdowns have caused gaps in learning, but have done our best as staff to try and fill those.

The timetable for the tests is below :

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 9 May to Thursday 12 May 2022.

Date	Activity
Monday 9 May 2022	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 10 May 2022	English reading

Wednesday 11 May 2022

Mathematics papers 1 and 2

Thursday 12 May 2022

Mathematics paper 3

Year 2 SATS

Year 2 pupils also sit tests, these are not as formal as year 6 and will be done within class over the next few weeks. These are just to assess the children's progress during years 1 and 2, before they move onto key stage 2 in year 3. The children will be tested in reading, writing and maths.

If you have any questions about SATS in years 2 or 6 please see your child's class teacher.

Forthcoming events

Swimming Gala - Thursday 18th May 2022

This will take place at Sutton Valence Independent school between 2- 3.30pm. Parents are invited to collect their children from school and watch their children at the gala.

All Aspire pupils in year 3 and 4 who have attended swimming lessons will be taking part. Parking is available at Sutton Valence village hall. Medals will be awarded to all children taking part.

If you are unable to collect your child and take them to the gala please inform your school office who will try and arrange other transport.

Forest Schools - Year 4 - 13th May 2022

It is the rescheduled date next Friday for year 4 to attend forest school in Bearsted. A letter will be sent out from your child's school containing all details of this event

Jubilee Celebrations - Friday 27th May 2022

Mrs Masters is arranging a celebration of the jubilee at Ulcombe for all pupils, parents and staff of the Aspire Schools. The catering company that we work with are providing a picnic for the children for the normal school dinner price or they can bring their own packed lunch.

Platts heath school will close slightly before 12 as pupils have been invited to join Ulcombe for a picnic on the field. Parents are requested to collect their children just before 12 and transport them to Ulcombe for the celebrations. This is because Ulcombe school kitchen staff also cater for Platts Heath.

Leeds and Broomfield and Kingswood will have their picnics on their own fields/ in the hall before closing at 1.15pm. Again parents are asked to collect their children at 1.15pm and transport them to Ulcombe.

If you are unable to transport your child at lunchtime but would like them to attend the celebration please inform your school office.

If you do not wish your child to attend the celebrations Please collect your child at 12pm or 1.15pm depending on their school, as school will close at those times.

For working parents at Kingswood or Leeds and Broomfield if you would like your child to still attend wrap-around after school please inform the school office.

Year 5/6 Day at Kingswood Residential Centre - Monday 20th June

Those children who signed up to attend this day and paid the £15 will be attending and taking part in a variety of adventurous activities. The children will need to be dropped and picked up from the centre in Ashford and will require a packed lunch and water bottle.

The children will need to wear uniforms and will need long trousers and their school hoody or jumper.

More details about timings etc will follow nearer the time.

I hope the above information is helpful, wishing you all happy sunshine filled family weekends .

Kind regards,

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