

School Newsletter – 7th May 2024



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Attendance

Last week: 92.96%
Sep23-May24: 94.7%
Sep22-Apr23: 92.74%
Target: 96%

Dates

- Year 6 SATs - 13th-16th May
- Year 2 Striking & Fielding - 22nd May
- Phonics Screen Parent Meeting - 16th May
- Reception/KS1 Author Visit - 17th May
- West Exe visit Year 6 - 20th May
- Year 2 Striking and Fielding - 22nd May
- Half term - 27th-3rd June
- Multiplication Check Week - 4th June
- Year 4, 5 & 6 Weekly Swimming Begins - 7th June
- Phonics Screening Check Week - 10th June
- EYFS Transition 1 - 10th June

Mr Jenkins' Message:

The school is missing our Year 4 pupils as they enjoy their residential at Pixies Holt. We plan two residential in Year 4 and Year 6 and give parents the chance to pay for these for over a year before they go, to hopefully lessen the financial burden. We're looking forward to welcoming our new intake of reception pupils for September '24. I'm proud to say we're full again this year, going against the national and regional trend. Parents know that our nurturing, caring and whole child approach to child development is in line with theirs - we really are a small school with a BIG heart!

Year 6 SATs

Our year 6 children will be sitting their KS2 SATs the **week of the 13th June**. Mrs Evans has been working extremely hard with the children and we wish them all the best. We encourage the children to try their best and be proud of that.

Year 1 Phonics Screen Parent Meetings

Thursday 16th May at 2:45 or 5:15 in the Year 1 classroom.

Please come along to a short meeting with Mrs Morgan to learn about what the phonics screen is and how to support your child at home. This is for all year 1 families and some year 2 families. Mrs Morgan will contact the Year 2 families through dojo to invite them to the meeting.

Half Term

Our half term runs from the **27th-31st June** and we have an **additional day on Monday 3rd June**. We look forward to seeing the children return on **Tuesday 4th June** for our final summer term.

Safeguarding - If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team. If outside of school hours, please refer to MASH and complete their online referral form. If you deem a child to be at immediate risk, please contact the police on 999.

Year 2 Striking & Fielding

On the morning of **Wednesday 22nd May**, year 2 will be attending a striking and fielding event at West Exe School. They will be accompanied by members of staff from St Thomas. As this is their PE day, they should wear PE kit as usual and bring in a snack and water bottle. They will be back in school for lunch.

Reception/KS1 Author Visit

Attention Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families! Author Debra Wellington will be visiting St Thomas on Friday 17th May to read her latest children's book "Grow Tall Sid!"

Debra is offering signed copies of her book for £7.99 (RRP £10.00) and "Grow your own Sid the Sunflower" activity boxes for £5.99 each. The kits contain seeds, compost pellets, activity sheets, coloured pencils, stickers, mini art prints from the book and a sunflower timeline.

If you would like to purchase a book and/or seed activity box, please pre-order and pay no later than Thursday 16th May. Details can be found on Class Dojo.





PHONICS SCREEN PARENT MEETING



16 May Year 1 Classroom
2:45 or 5:15

For all Year 1 families and some Year 2 families. Come along for a short meeting with Mrs Morgan to learn about the phonics screen and how you can support your child at home.



MISTERS GARDEN PARTY

SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024

12-4pm

Cowick ROOTS AND RECREATION

Family friendly community event
in
PINCES GARDENS

Storytellers - Border Morris Dancing
Flower crowns - The Birdhouse singers
workshops & more...

MAY FLOWER PARADE

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