



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a very busy week for Year 6 as they have had their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). SATs are taken across England by all Year 6 pupils, in May, and the data is used to compare pupils' and schools' progress and achievement in maths, spelling, punctuation and grammar, plus reading. You may have seen in the media that Wednesday's reading paper was criticised for being very hard - our Year 6 pupils worked with dedication and resilience. We are so very proud of them all.

SATs don't measure sports
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reason,
You were put upon this Earth.



SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly
You can run a mile.



SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.

So, sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember **you're the best!**
(author unknown)

This afternoon they were due to spend time at the park celebrating – unfortunately the weather did not share this sentiment and the sun did not make an appearance! Nevertheless, the children have enjoyed their time playing team games and competing with the staff at school. The trip to the park will be rescheduled in better weather. An email has gone out to all Year 6 parents this afternoon, outlining their summer events and diary dates.

Unfortunately, our family gardening morning at the school tomorrow has been postponed . We will inform you when the morning is rescheduled.

Following on from our Parent Governor nomination process, we now find ourselves in a ballot situation as there were 3 nominations for the 2 Parent Governor positions. We have opened up a virtual ballot so please click on the following link to vote for up to TWO candidates.

Our candidates are:

- Laura Barnes
- Alice Emmerson (current Chair of the FGB)
- Gemma Sugarman

<https://forms.office.com/e/KhrCJhBScU>

Voting closes at noon on Friday 26th May.

Mrs Elizabeth Killin
Headteacher



Upcoming Events This Month

THESE ARE SOME OF THE DATES FOR THIS MONTH

Saturday 13th May - Gardening in school All day - POSTPONED

Wednesday 17th May - Year 5 at Therfield 8.45-11.45am

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th May - Reception Screening

Thursday 18th May - Year 3 trip out Wetlands Centre

Friday 19th May -Year 4 trip out Wetlands Centre

Monday 15th – Friday 19th May - Year 2 SATs Throughout the week

Friday 19th May - FOLT – Uniform Sale 3pm

Wednesday 24th May - Bumblebee and Ladybird Class Assembly 9am

Wednesday 24th May -Year 5/6 British Museum

Friday 26th May – Cricket Competition

Friday 26th May -_FOLT - Ice Cream Sale

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June - Summer Half Term

Attendance



Class	Week Ending 21/04/23	Week Ending 28/04/23	Week Ending 04/05/23	Week Ending 11/05/23
Bumblebee	95.8%	98%	98.6%	96.35%
Ladybird	92.37%	94.28%	95.83%	89.58%
Hedgehog	97.1%	92.4%	82.6%	92.7%
Squirrel	100%	96.6%	93.2%	93.2%
Badger	100%	98.2%	95.5%	91.1%
Fox	94.67%	96.8%	92%	94%
Chestnut	97.4%	98%	95.3%	98.44%
Oak	96.08%	93.38%	88.6%	89.71%
Maple	97.50%	95.1%	93.9%	97.35%
Eagle	94.62%	95.56%	89.58%	94.7%
Hawk	95.85%	94.1%	94.9%	99.2%
Kestrel	95.85%	92.06%	90.55%	93%
100 % Attendees	300	276	287	289

A brilliant win for Kestrel this week who were so close to the 100%! Good to see more Key Stage 2 classes hitting the 97% mark. We only have 2 more weeks left of the half term, please keep encouraging your child to come to school and keep on track for the May wrist band.

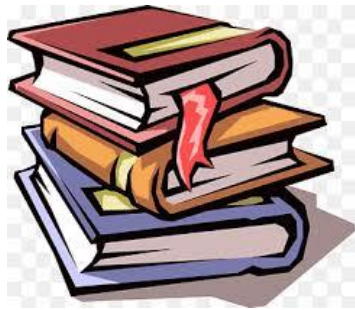
Mrs Gray
Deputy Headteacher

Words of the Week

Vocabulary!

As a school, we have done lots of work with the children on developing their vocabulary. Each week we share our words of the week (linked to our topic and curriculum learning) and unpick what they mean. We use the word in different contexts, find synonyms, act them out, draw pictures and many more strategies to help us to remember them.

Developing children's vocabulary really impacts their speaking skills as well as their reading and writing. Listed below are next week's words of the week so you can discuss these with your children at home!



Words of the week next week:-

Year 5 and Year 6 – Sarcophagus and Hieroglyph
Year 3 and Year 4 – Numerator and Denominator
Year 1 and Year 2 – Aspect and Animation
Reception – Dancing and Pouncing

Christian and Learning Values

Well done to the following children who received a values award this week:

Commitment: Amelia W (Hawk), Skye M (Eagle), Jude T (Oak), Silver Q (Oak), Thana A (Fox), Chris C (Badger), Rowan M (Squirrel), Rochelle G (Squirrel), Polina S (Hedgehog)

Resilience: Harry I (Kestrel)

Perseverance: Amila B (Maple), Maryam A (Chestnut)

Fine Diners

Winners this week

Mateo R
Alisa K
Reginald O
Aston S
Peter A
Grace B

Well Done!



Top Classes for using TTRS this week



1st Oak
2nd Maple
3rd Eagle

Highest number of coins this Year

1st Harley
2nd Aniketh
3rd Charis

Most Improved Studio Speed

1st Amila
2nd Christopher
3rd Amriel

Numbots (Key Stage 1) – highest number of coins earned this year

1st Ross
2nd Nam
3rd Yevhhenii

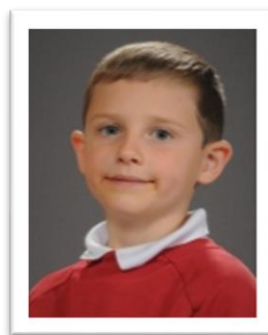
Congratulations on passing the next stage of Numbots

Ross

ACHIEVEMENTS

Swimming

Nathan F from Fox class went up a level in his swimming lessons. Well done Nathan!



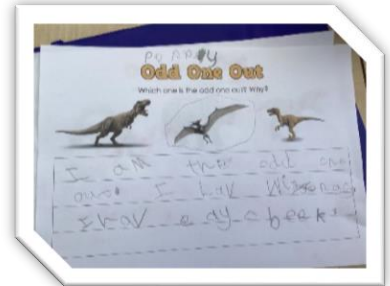
If you have any achievements you would like to share on our newsletter please let the school know.

Bumblebee Class Learning

This week we have continued our dinosaur topic. We have explored key words such as herbivore and carnivore whilst looking deeper into how dinosaurs lived. Some children explored different habitats



and recreated them in the construction area. Dilan created a cave, "some dinosaurs lived in caves"! In our writing area, we made some posters using descriptive writing. We have been focusing on using our 'Fred Fingers' to say the sounds, as well as finger spaces and full stops!



In maths, we have been exploring odd and even numbers, using numicon number shapes. We learnt that odd numbers have "odd tops" and even numbers have "flat tops". We challenged ourselves by digging deeper into whether you can share an odd or even number.



As well as learning about dinosaurs, we have enjoyed exploring the coronation of King Charles the Third. Some children created a castle for the King and Queen to live, focusing on how to fit all of the Kings family around the dinner table! Tabitha explained that "The coronation is about the King Charles getting his crown. He gets to be king because his mum died. She was queen but now Charles is king."

To finish the week, we awarded our "Star Writer" award to Aislin and our "Star Reader" award to Albie! Congratulations to you both! I wonder who will be next?



Miss Cameron
Class Teacher

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

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A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Inclusion Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.

2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).
 - **Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**
 - **The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.**
 - **In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised.**

Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance.

This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance.

If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Inclusion Officer.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours.

This duty applies to the **first five days of each exclusion**. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is currently £60 if paid within **21** days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after **21** days but within **28** days.

If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130 South West - Tel: 01483 517179
 North East - Tel: 01372 833588 South East - Tel: 01737 737777

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 13 th May	Gardening in school - Postponed	All day
Wednesday 17 th May	Year 5 at Therfield School	8.45-11.45am
Wednesday 17 th & Thursday 18 th May	Reception Screening	AM
Thursday 18 th May	Year 3 trip Wetlands Centre	All Day
Friday 19 th May	Year 4 trip Wetlands Centre	All Day
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th May	Year 2 SATs	Throughout the week
Friday 19 th May	FOLT – Uniform Sale	3pm
Wednesday 24 th May	Bumblebee and Ladybird Class Assembly	9am
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 5/6 British Museum	All Day
Wednesday 24 th May	*NEW* Dodgeball Competition – St Bede’s School	All Day
Friday 26 th May	*NEW* Cricket Competition – Effingham Cricket Club	12.30pm- 5pm
Friday 26 th May	FOLT - Ice Cream Sale	3pm
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	Summer Half Term	All Week
Monday 5 th June	Inset Day (School Closed)	All day
Wednesday 7 th June	Class Photos	AM

Thursday 8th June	*NEW* Cricket Competition – Effingham Cricket Club	12.30pm- 5pm
Friday 9th June	*NEW* Cricket Competition – Effingham Cricket Club	12.30pm- 5pm
Friday 16th June	FOLT - Father's Day Gift Shop	All Day
Friday 16th June	FOLT – Ice Cream Sale	PM
Wednesday 14th June	Year 3 assembly (half of Maple and Chestnut)	9am
Wednesday 14th June	Year 6 trip to Guildford Cathedral	10-11:30 am
Tuesday 20th June	Year 1 assembly, Hedgehog and Squirrel Classes	9am
Wednesday 21st June	Sport's day for Nursery and Reception classes	All day
Monday 26th – Tuesday 26th June	Year 4 camping trip	Overnight and both days
Tuesday 27th June	Year 2 Badger and Fox Class assembly	9am
Wednesday 28th June	Meet the teacher day/ Year 6 at Therfield	All Day
Friday 30th June	FOLT – Ice Cream Sale	3pm
Tuesday 4th July	Year 4 class assembly (Half Maple and Oak)	9am
Wednesday 5th July	Sports Day for KS1 and KS2	All Day
Friday 7th July	FOLT – Mufti Day Donations for Colour Run	All Day
Saturday 8th July	FOLT – Colour Run	All Day
Tuesday 11th July	Year 6 show at St Johns	2pm + 6pm
Tuesday 11th July	Year 3 and 4 at the Tower of London	All Day
Wednesday 12th July	Rock Steady Concert	10-11am
Friday 14th July	Year 6 festival	6-8pm
Friday 14th July	FOLT – Ice Cream Sale	3pm
Monday 17th July	Year 5 and 6 trip to the beach	All Day
Tuesday 18th July	FOLT – Summer Disco	Afterschool
Wednesday 19th July	Pantastic at St Johns, Glee Club	6pm
Thursday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly	2pm
Friday 21st July	FOLT - Ice Cream Sale	1.10pm
Friday 21 st July	End of Summer Term	Early Closure 1.20pm – Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 1.30pm – Key Stage 2