

Summer 1



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Hello everyone,

The weather is picking up and the children are working very hard. They are a lovely class who are a pleasure to teach.

PE

For the next few weeks, up until SATs, the only PE session the children will be having is their swimming lesson on Thursday afternoons. They need to make sure they bring trunks/costume, a towel, goggles if they want them. Children with long hair must have a bobble to tie it back with. After SATs, we will be having plenty more PE lessons so it might be a good idea to keep the kits in school.

The correct PE kit of white t-shirt and black shorts is expected along with appropriate footwear. Children must not wear jewellery including ear rings.

School times.

Class 9 will begin their day at 9:00am.

Home time pick up is at 3:15pm. Once we see you, your child will be free to join you. If your child walks home alone, they can leave at 3:15pm. If you need to speak to Mr Purdy, simply wait until the other children have left. In Year 6, children are allowed to bring mobile phones if they walk home alone, however, they cannot go on their phone in the playground. I keep the phones securely in my desk drawer.

Homework

Homework is given out to all children on a Friday and will need to be handed in by the following **Friday**. Please can your child also read at home at least three times a week and make sure they bring their reading diary each day to school with them on a **Friday**. The reading challenge will continue this year. Spellings will be given out on a Monday for your child to learn ready for a test on Friday. After SATs they will not be given any homework or spellings as they have worked so hard all year.

Snacks

No snacks can be bought in school. Instead as we are a healthy school, children can bring a piece of fruit to be eaten at break. No cereal bars please—only a piece of fruit. Please ensure children have a water bottle with either water or still dilute juice to keep them hydrated as the weather warms up. Our classroom does get hot.

SATs

Thank you to many of you who attended the parent's meeting about the upcoming SATs tests. Below is the timetable for the week. Understandably, we have not been studying the other subjects in as much depth recently but once the tests are over, we will be concentrating on everything we have missed so there will be no gaps in their learning. I must say, all of the children have been working ever so hard - I couldn't be more pleased with them. All I want is for them to do their best and get what they deserve.

SATs test	Date
English grammar, punctuation and spelling test Paper 1: short answer questions (45 minutes) Paper 2: spelling (15 minutes)	Monday 9th May
English reading test Paper 1: Reading comprehension (60 minutes)	Tuesday 10th May
Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic (30 minutes) Paper 2: reasoning (40 minutes)	Wednesday 11th May
Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning (40 minutes)	Thursday 12th May

Visits

We will be visiting Caphouse Colliery which is a museum about coal mining just outside Wakefield. Our next topic is local industry so it will link with children's learning. No letters will go out, instead the consent letter that needs signing and payment arrangements are on 'ParentPay'. If you have any questions, contact the office.

For those children going to PGL - our residential, the dates are 15th - 17th June. I will be holding a parent's meeting about that nearer the time in which I will give you important information and give you the opportunity to answer any questions.

Contacting school

If you need to talk to me, please see me at the end of a school day. If you are unable to do this, you can phone the school office after 3:15pm. If I am not available, I will endeavour to ring you back at the earliest opportunity.

