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April 2024 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a lovely break over the Easter holidays.

Whilst pupils have been off, we have had some improvements made to the Year 6 and Year 3 classrooms. The DfE issued schools with a grant to support energy efficiency. This has been used this year to update blinds in most of the classrooms and the latest improvements have seen the addition of air conditioning units to the the Year 3 and Year 6 classrooms. These classrooms can become unbearable with heat during the summer months and we hope that this will help to alleviate that problem.

This term brings some educational visits for different year groups. Year 1 will be visiting Sudbury House to explore the Childhood Museum where they will learn about how toys have changed from Victorian times to present day, Year 6 will be going to Perlethorpe to learn more about what it was like being an evacuee in World War 2 and Reception will be visiting Crich Tramway Museum as part of their enquiry into different types of transport.

Coming up we have a Lego Faciliatator Workshop arranged by St Mary's Church for Year 5 and Year 6. Here they will spend either the morning or afternoon at St Mary's. This is just prior to their Lego festival, where hopefully you will be able to view their creations.

Thank you!

A big thank you goes out to Little Morton Farm who have been helping our Reception class with their learning about animals. Reception have incubated eggs, looked after chicks, had some lambs come to visit and just before we broke up they also had some ducklings come to see them. They had a splashing time!

Afterschool Sports Clubs

There are spaces still remaining on the different clubs. Bookings can be made via ParentPay.

Reminder about school being closed on the following dates:

2nd May - Polling Station

6th May - Bank Holiday

24th May - Inset Day

This week sees parents finding out their school allocations for pupils starting in Reception in September 2024. We have arranged a parents meeting and transition sessions for those joining us and these will be sent out by email once places have been confirmed by Derbyshire County Council.

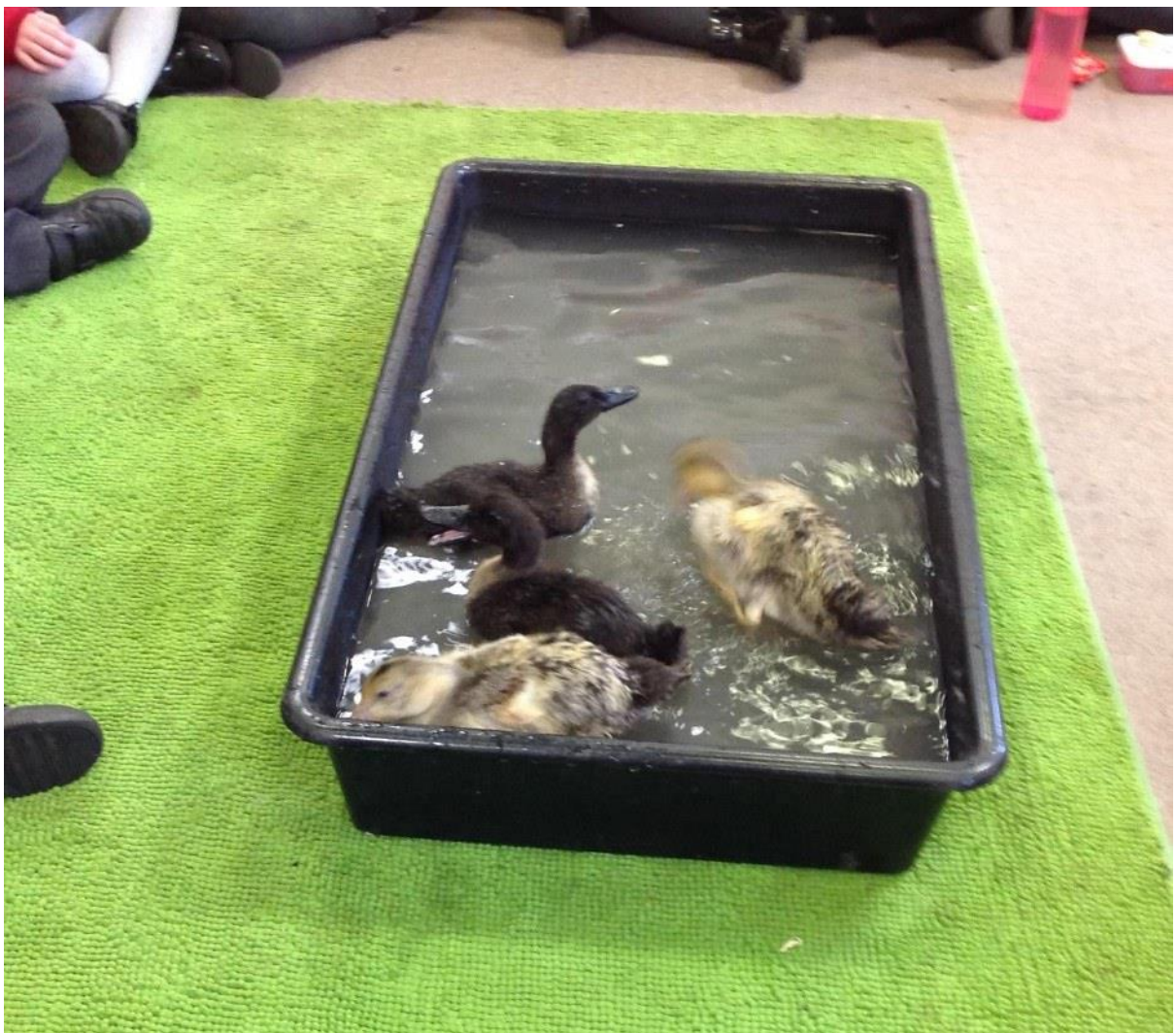
Assessment

May brings the time when Year 6 undertake the statutory end of key stage 2 assessments (SATs), these are undertaken in exam conditions on set days in May. These assessments do not recognise how amazing our pupils are and the strengths they may have in other areas such as sport, music, art, science etc. Whilst your child prepares for this week, remind them of how amazing they are, how we know how hard they work and are proud of them.

Year 2 have previously undertaken end of key stage 1 assessments during May too, this is the first year where this is optional rather than statutory. We have decided to use some of the papers to provide evidence to support teacher assessments. These will not be all the papers as in previous years and will not be undertaken in exam conditions. As such the results will be used to inform teacher assessment and therefore will not be shared.

Kindest regards

Mrs Kavanagh



Key Dates For Your Diary



2023/2024 Academic year Inset days will be:

- Monday 4th September - Completed
 - Tuesday 5th September - Completed
 - Friday 22nd December - Completed
 - Friday 24th May
 - Wednesday 26th June

Term Dates 2023/2024

Spring Term

8.1.24 School Back

16.02.24 last day of half term

26.02.24 School starts back

28.03.24 Last day of term

Easter Sports Camp - 9.4.24-11.4.24

Summer Term

15.4.24 School starts back

16.4.24 Yr 1 Trip to Sudbury Children's Museum

25.4.24 Yr 4 Tag Rugby Event TBC

26.4.24 Yr 5 and Yr 6 Lego Facilitator Event at St Mary's Church.

2.5.24 Polling Station - School Closed

3.5.24 School open

6.5.24 Bank Holiday - School Closed

W/C 13.5.24 End of KS2 Assessments (SATs)

17.5.24 Disco

21.5.24 Yr 6 trip to Perlethorpe

23.5.24 last day of half term

24.5.24 Inset day

27.5.24 Bank Holiday - School Closed

3.6.24 School starts back

3.6.24 Yr 1 Gymnastics Event TBC

During June will be the Phonics Screening Check in Yr 1 and the Multiplication Check in Yr 4.

20.6.24 Yr 6 Tupton Transition Day

24.6.24 – 27.6.24 Yr 6 Tibshelf Transition Week

26.6.24 Inset day

26.6.24 Yr 5 Halle Orchestra performance tbc

26.6.24 - 27.6.24 Yr 6 St Mary's Transition Days

27.6.24 Yr 6 Tupton Transition Day

3.7.24 Yr 6 Highfields and Hasland Transition Day

4.7.24 Yr 6 Tupton Transition Day

Reception Trip to Crich Tramway Museum date TBC

5.7.24 Yr 2/Yr 6 Qualitas Sports Day at the EIS

11.7.24 Yr 6 Tupton Transition Day

12.7.24 Sports Day (1pm)

18.7.24 Reserve Sports Day (in case of poor weather)

23.7.24 Last day of term