20 May 2019

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I am sure you will agree that this half term has absolutely flown by!

**SATs**

Last week our Y2 and Y6 children took part in the national Standard Assessment Tests. The Y2 ones are marked by our own teachers and simply used as additional evidence when we come to submit Teacher assessment data for Y2. These children see their tests as part of their regular assessments and enjoy their “Secret Agent Tests!”

The Y6 papers have been sent away to be externally marked and we will get the results later in the summer term. My staff and I, like a majority in the teaching profession, are not fans of these tests believing that our own judgement on a child’s attainment based upon working with them for a year is far better that sitting 11 year olds down in test conditions. However, it would be unfair of us not to prepare our Y6 children for their SATs and we aim to do so as well as we can whilst trying our utmost to keep anxieties and worries to a minimum. I am extremely proud of the way in which all children and staff have worked over the last weeks and during test week and am delighted that they can now enjoy their last months in primary school collaborating on other projects.

**Road Safety**

Once again can all drivers please be considerate of other road users at busy dropping off and picking up times. Both Darwin St and Park St have lots of parked cars and limited vision so please drive slowly and with extreme caution in order that no member of our school community is put at risk. The front car park is for staff and visitors not for parental pickups so should not be used at these times but please do not walk across it as it could still be in use and sets a poor example to our children. I have also had a complaint from a resident of Hooker Street saying she has been blocked in so please be courteous when parking on surrounding streets.

**Dogs**

As you know our school dog Dexter is a much valued member of our community and enjoys free access throughout our building and grounds; usually looking for dropped food! Unfortunately however, we cannot have other dogs on the school grounds, this includes cute little handheld bundles and people standing on the car park. If you do wish to bring your dog on the school run pleased leave it outside of our grounds with a friend or tethered well away from the gates.

**Tempest Photography**

Tempest will be in school tomorrow taking class group photos, please make sure your child is wearing full school uniform.

**Sports**

Massive congratulations to everyone who supported the recent Big Pedal initiative; we came 280th nationally out of approximately 3,000 schools and 11th in the Northwest out of approximately 400 schools and placed second overall in Cheshire West and Chester. We had 68.26% participation on the final day with a high of 72% during the week and we also had 67.64% participation from 'supporters' so parents and carers did a fantastic job too! Well done to you all!

Last week Mr Solan took two teams of Y3/4 children to play in a diamond cricket tournament; although they enjoyed mixed success all told me they had a great time and Mr Solan said were a credit to the school. This week our Y5 & 6s will compete in their age group tournament.

The school football team will have their latest fixture on Wednesday away at Wininngton Park; good luck to them, they are on a winning streak!

**Sports’ Day**

Friday 24 May is our annual Sports’ Day extravaganza; you have already had detailed information about this. The forecast at the minute is cloudy but dry and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible supporting and cheering on our children; although not to the extent of challenging staff on photo finish placements please! Competition is great but let’s not get too carried away!

Following Sports’ Day we finish on Friday 24 for the end of half term holiday, opening again on Monday 3 June.

Thank you for your support

Adam Croft