

St. Mark's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents

Assessment Weeks: 7th to 25th May

These three weeks are our annual assessment weeks. Children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be taking the statutory end of Key Stage tests (SATs). Groups of children in Year 2 have already begun sitting some of their tests. Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will also be taking tests in Reading, Maths, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling in the next two weeks. These will help to give us a good idea as to the progress they have made and areas for further development.

During these three weeks, timetables may be slightly changed and some staff will be helping out in different classes. We will be using several different rooms to administer the tests and will aim to keep school as quiet as possible whenever a test is in progress.

If your children are going to be involved in these tests please help by ensuring they have a good night's sleep and a good breakfast each school day !

Testing in this way is only able to capture a small snapshot of a child's knowledge and ability. It is very useful but is not the sole purpose of education in schools. We will try our best to keep it in perspective, support your children and avoid undue pressure.

Morning Routine

Can I remind all parents that class teachers are busy in the mornings preparing classrooms and getting ready for the school day which starts at 9.00. If there is a need to talk with a teacher it is best to do so at the end of the school day or to make an appointment via the school office. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Parent Governor Appointment

Following the recent Parent Governor nomination process. Mrs Sarah Brooke has been appointed to the Governing Body for a period of four years. Mrs Brooke has two children at St Mark's in Reception and Year 3. The Governing Body would like to welcome Mrs Brooke and thank her in advance for her time, experience and commitment to developing the work of the school.

Yours sincerely,

P. Barfoot
Headteacher

P.T.O. – Reminders/Diary Dates

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| Monday 14 May – Thursday 17 May | Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs) |
| Friday 18 May | 9.10 a.m. Year 4 Assembly – friends and family welcome Reception and Y1 Woodland Session |
| Monday 21 May |  Class and Leavers' Photographs – School uniform please |
| Tuesday 22 May | 6.30 p.m. Keppleway Information Meeting |
| Wednesday 23 May |  Sports Day – Letter sent home today |
| Friday 25 May | Reserve Sports Day |
| Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June | Half Term Holiday |
| Tuesday 5 June | 7.00 p.m. New Reception 2018 Parents' Information Evening |
| Wednesday 6 June Friday 8 June | Keppleway Visit (Years 5 & 6) |
| Thursday 14 June | Year 2 Visit to World of Beatrix Potter |
| Friday 15 June | 9.15 – 2.45 Year 5 to Queen Katherine School Activity Day |
| Monday 18 June | 'Moving up' morning New Reception intake visit and lunch Kirkbie Kendal School Moving Up Day – Year 6 pupils moving to KKS |
| Thursday 21 June | p.m. Year 5 to Queen Katherine Musical Production at Brewery Arts Centre |
| Friday 22 June | School Council Visit to London and Parliament |
| Saturday 23 June | Kendal Unity Festival |
| Tuesday 26 June | p.m. Year 5 to Kirkbie Kendal School 'William Morris Art' Dallam School Moving Up Day – Year 6 pupils moving to Dallam |
| Thursday 28 June | p.m. Year 5 to Kirkbie Kendal School Musical Production at Brewery Arts Centre p.m. Year 6 to Junior Citizen Scheme at Kendal Fire Station The Queen Katherine School Moving Up Day – Year 6 pupils moving to QKS |
| Friday 29 June | Year 4 Olympic Day 6.30 p.m. P.T.A. SUMMER FAIR – Look out for more information |
| Week commencing Tuesday 3 July | Reception and Key Stage 1 Summer Production 'Hats Off!' Tuesday 3 July Afternoon: Dress Rehearsal Evening: Performance Wednesday 4 July Afternoon: Performance Evening: Performance |
| Wednesday 4 July | a.m. Year 5 to Kirkbie Kendal School 'Rockets and Hot Air Balloons' |
| Friday 6 July | The Great Cumbrian Litter Pick Year 1 Visit to Judges Lodgings Lancaster |
| Week commencing Tuesday 10 July | Key Stage 2 Summer Production: 'Dragon Days' Tuesday 10 July Morning Dress Rehearsal Evening: Performance Wednesday 11 July Afternoon: Performance Evening: Performance |
| Tuesday 10 July | p.m. 'Zoolab' visit to Year 2 |
| Friday 13 July | Reports on Pupil Progress out to Parents |
| Monday 16 July | 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Open Evening |
| Tuesday 17 July | p.m. Year 6 to screening of 'Wonder' at the Brewery |
| Wednesday 18 July | p.m. Year 2 to screening of 'Peter Rabbit' at the Brewery |
| Friday 20 July | 10.00 a.m. Leavers' Service in Church 1.30 p.m. Summer term ends |
| Saturday 21 July Sunday 22 July | Natland Open Gardens |
| Tuesday 4 September | Autumn term 2018 begins |