

Summer Term 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, hopefully your children have enjoyed a good break from school and are all ready for the summer term. This is a very busy time for schools, especially for the staff and children in Y2 and Y6.

Y6 SATS tests

The Year 6 SATs will start on Monday, May 8th. Can you please make sure that your children are well rested over the next few weeks and come in to school ready to learn. They need to have had a good breakfast and be in school on time as the tests take place throughout the day. The children have worked tremendously hard over the whole year and it is an opportunity for them to show what they can achieve.

Y2 SATs

Currently there is a consultation from the government about ending the tests used in Year 2, possibly even from next year. The 'tests' for this year group are actually very low key and a supportive measure for our own assessment of the pupils. We have always taken a relaxed approach to the tests and have made them a positive experience for the children, you would be amazed at how many enjoy the structure and the approach taken by us. These will take place throughout May, at a time when best suits the children and the school. It would help us greatly, however, if the children are in school on time.

Cover for Planning, Preparation and Assessment Time

As a reminder we have had to adjust our PPA cover this term due to budget issues.

Mrs McGrogan will be covering Miss Allanson's Year 4/5 class on Wednesday afternoons

Mrs Mike will be covering Mr James' class at the same time

Mrs Mike will also be covering Mrs Gooding's Y2/3 class on Friday afternoons.

(Mrs Aldread and Mr Snape will be overseeing these sessions)

Mrs Morson will continue to support Y6 on Thursday afternoons and Y1 on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Mr Snape will cover Mrs Bushnell's F2 class and Mrs Ebbage's Y1/2 class on alternate Fridays. Please be aware that Mr Snape's priority will be the children he is teaching on Fridays so if you do wish to see him please take this in to consideration.

Staff Changes

With Mrs Worthy retiring from the school office we welcome this term Mrs Kelley who, once everything is settled down and her training is complete, will be working the second half of the week with Mrs Hardy the first half.

We are also very sad to announce that Mrs Shore has decided to retire in September. Mrs Shore has had a significant role in the emotional and social development of our children in her position as Learning Mentor over the last 12 years and previous to that 8 years as a Teaching Assistant. Her understanding of the children and devotion to the role has been an outstanding feature of the school. Mrs Shore is still with us for some time and will support the training and development of the next person in the role.

Dates

26 th April	Cricket Coaching starts (every Wednesday afternoon) for Y4/5
27 th April	Year 1/2 Hardwick Hall School Visit
27 th April	PTA Quiz Night
1 st May	Bank Holiday
2 nd May	Year 2 SATs month begins
4 th May	Saltmine Theatre in school (Online Safety for Y3-Y6)
5 th May	Year 1 Hardwick Hall School Visit
8 th May	Year 6 SATs testing week
23 rd May	Language visit from Tibshelf Community School for Y6
26 th May	Break up for half term (last day in school)
26 th May	School Class Photographs
5 th June	Return to school – Online Safety Focus in school
9 th June	Tibshelf Community School visit to Pilsley for Y6
21 st June	NSPCC personal safety talk
26 th & 27 th June	Transition Days for Tibshelf Community School
27 th June	PTA Fashion Show
29 th June	Y2 Class Assembly
30 th June & 3 rd July	INSET DAYS – school closed
8 th July	School Summer Fayre
12 th – 14 th July	Year 6 Dukes Barn Visit
13 th July	Years 1 & 2 – Lea Green School Visit (Year 2 return 14 th July)
20 th July	Hardwick 10k Race
21 st July	Last day of the school year

Tupton Transition Days – 14th, 21st, 28th June then 5th and 12th July