



**Outwoods Edge
Primary School**
Every Child Every Day Every Future

8th May

DIARY DATES

Monday

Year 2 and Year 6 SATs begin.
Nursery Nurse visits begin with the new intake for September 2017.

Tuesday

Wednesday

Some Year 1 children taking part in a 'Tri Golf' event.

Thursday

Friday

Year 4 Book performance for parents 9.15am.

Year 6 'Wheel Day' treat.

Fidget Spinners

I wanted to let you know that the latest craze to hit the school is fidget spinners. Unfortunately we have had some cases of children swapping and losing them which has caused children to be upset. Therefore I have asked them not to bring them to school anymore.

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It was nice to see so many parents at the Year 5 drama performance on Friday. The children had studied a book and turned the story into a short play. Class Chestnut had chosen a passage from *The Hobbit* and class Holly's book was the story of Henry 'Box' Brown, a man who escaped his life as a slave. Both performances were staged in an imaginative way, with children using minimal props and costumes. In fact, the idea behind these shows is that they are rehearsed in a short space of time with the emphasis on devising and producing a show in a week. We have already enjoyed productions from most of the school and this week Year 4 are preparing and performing for the school and parents.

On a related matter I also wanted to thank those parents who came to the Talk for Writing meetings this week. It gave the staff the chance to explain how this approach is used in school to promote the children's writing. I know the final meeting was cancelled but this has been rearranged for Wednesday 10th May at 5.15pm. Please come along if you are interested in finding out about how we teach writing at school.

Mark Maksymiw (Headteacher)

A new Website is in the pipeline.

I wanted to let you know that we are planning to replace our website at the beginning of next year and we have started working with a company on its design.

We have had the current website for several years and it has served us well. Mr Reeve was responsible for this first website and I want to thank him for all his hard work to keep the website updated and improved over the years.

It is now time for a new design and I will be keeping you in touch with its development this term. It will be a fresh design and one that will be easier to navigate from any device including smart phone and i-pad.



S.A.T.s 2017

It is that time of year again when children in Year 2 and Year 6 take Standard Assessment Tests/Tasks (S.A.T.s). These are a series of assessments that help parents and schools know whether a child is working at the 'expected standard' for their age or not. Children might also be working below the expected standard or working at a 'greater depth' within the expected standard.

In Year 2 the tests the children take help teachers make a judgement about their performance. The results of these tests are only part of the evidence that teachers take into account when making a decision. The children's class work and their response in question and answer sessions can also be used to help make a decision. Once that decision is made then parents are informed and their results are sent to the DfE (Department for Education).

In Year 6 however the scores alone are used to make a judgement on a child's performance. The children are tested in reading, Grammar, spelling and punctuation and maths (calculation and reasoning). A child's writing is assessed using very strict criteria applied to the work in their books. Teacher assessments of the children's work in day to day classroom lessons are reported separately.

This is an important time for the children and we are all working together to help them perform as well as they can. I am proud of the children's mature 'can do' attitude and I am sure they will make themselves proud this week.