

Monday 13th May 2019



OPAL

This week we are looking for any old games like connect 4 or board games no longer used. We are desperate for old cardboard boxes, yoghurt pots etc for our invention shed.

The children are loving the mud kitchen at the minute so they will be coming home muddy.

Key stage 2 and Key stage 1 SATS

This week our year six children will be undertaking the statutory tests that all year 6 children across the country will be completing—we just wanted to share that we think your children are amazing and try their best in everything they do.

Next week our year 2 children will also do tests but they will think this is just part of their normal lessons.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

A key part of our school development plan this year is to make every child a reader by the end of year one. We have invested heavily in read, write inc and I am absolutely thrilled with the progress the children are making. Every single child in Reception is now a reader! The children who are reading more frequently at home including practising their green words are making the most progress. However, these resources are not cheap. I am disappointed to see that some books which were brand new were completely ruined after being sent home for one night. These books cost £7 each and we cannot afford this. We ask parents and children to value the importance of these resources and look after them when they are in your care. I do not want to not send them home but if this continues then we will have to ask parents to pay for the damaged resources as other children miss out as we do not have a huge collection of the read,write inc home reading books.

ICE CATS training

You would have received a letter about Ice Cats training. Schools have a statutory duty to have a lock down policy and procedure in light of an emergency. This is not solely about an act of terror. It could be about an escaped dog, extreme weather etc. We are paying for this company to deliver first class training to our pupils and staff to ensure we meet this requirement but that we do so in a way that promotes safety. Terrorism will not be mentioned to the children. It is a day to learn about how to keep safe.

On Monday 20th May year 6 will go on their SATS reward trip—Mr Sandy will send more details this week. **DUKESHOUSE WOOD**—reminder that Friday we go to Dukeshouse Wood for our residential trip. Can you ensure we are able to contact you at all times during this weekend and all medication comes in with correct labels. This must be handed to a member of staff and not brought with your child.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 13th—16th May

Key Stage 2 SATS—children in school and on time every day.

Friday 17th—Sunday 19th May—Residential to Dukeshouse Wood

Collect from school on the Sunday at 2p.m.

Monday 20th May—Year 6 SATS reward visit to Metro Centre movies, food and shopping

Friday 24th May—GREEN trip to Mr Mulligans Adventure Golf including lunch there.

BREAK UP FOR HOLIDAYS HALF TERM

ATTENDANCE

At present the attendance has dropped significantly from last year. Too many odd days off and holidays are being booked. No holidays during school time will be authorised unless exceptional circumstances can be

given.