

SPRING TERM 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Welcome back to our new school term. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and to say a huge thank you from myself and my staff for the kind gifts and words of happiness you gave us before we broke up. Christmas is a special time of year and I hope that you have all had a relaxing and fruitful time with your families over this period.

Welcome to our school...

As we ended the Autumn term we said goodbye to our Reading support assistant, Mrs Jankowski and Mrs Fletcher our one of our Year 3/4 teachers. We also wished Miss Higgins well as she began her maternity leave – we are hoping to have some news at the end of January regarding the birth of Miss Higgins's first baby, I will keep you fully informed.

As we start our new term we welcome Mrs Wilbraham, who is covering Miss Higgins's maternity leave until the Summer break and Miss Mottram who will teach our Year 3/4 class until I appoint a permanent member of staff. As we return this term the Governors and I have ensured that each class currently has full time support from a teaching assistant. It is important that we continue to work in partnership with you as parents e.g. reading each evening and supporting with homework to consolidate learning from class.



If you require any support with this please ask your child's class teacher and look on our website. Our school website has the curriculum expectations for each year group so you are familiar with what is now expected at each year group, it also has the links to websites that will consolidate learning and develop the breadth of curriculum which your child experiences in our school.

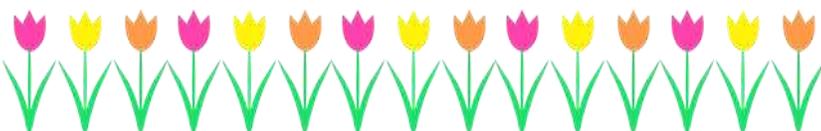
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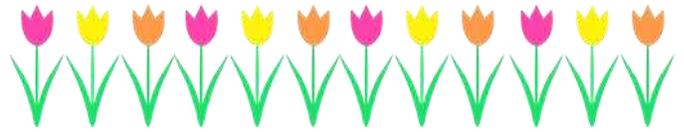
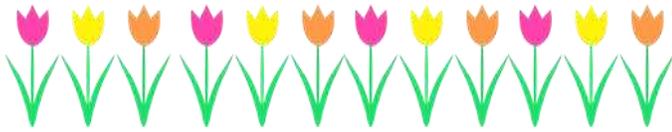


Children attending the Young Voices concert will shortly be receiving a letter from Mrs Parr with the final details so that you are aware of what your child needs to wear, food and drink they need, adults attending and details of pick up and drop offs. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to pop in to the office and ask a member of staff.

Parents Evening

Monday 5th February - we will be holding our Spring term parents evening for 2018 school starters in Nursery and our Reception children. Please look out for the letter to confirm your attendance and request a timing that is most suitable for you. It will run from 1.30pm until 5.30pm with a break for teachers between 3pm and 3.30pm.





Tuesday 6th February - we will be holding our Spring term parents evening for children from Year 1 to Year 6. Please look out for the letter to confirm your attendance and request a timing that is most suitable for you. It will run from 1.00pm until 6.00pm with a break for teachers between 3pm and 3.30pm.

Standardised Assessment Tests (SAT's)

YEAR 2 & YEAR 6 PUPILS

External Standardised testing will occur in May for both of these year groups. Each child's teacher will have tweeted a guide from Youtube on their twitter page that will help you understand the expectations and organisation for these tests. It is imperative that as parents you support your child leading up to and during these tests. There will be a letter for Year 2 and Year 6 parents in the next two weeks explaining the support we are giving your children in class and also how you can support your child to ensure that they succeed.

The Year 2 SATs legally have to take place during the month of May. Please ensure that you child is in school daily but especially during May so they are able to access their external tests. Year 6 SATs take place during the week of 14th May, it imperative that your child is in each day from now until these tests to maximise their learning, but especially during the week that the tests take place.

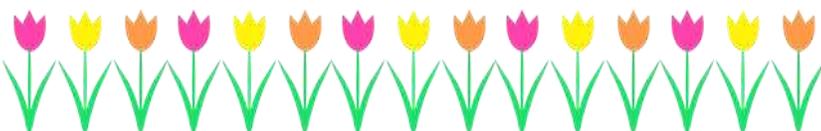
Standardised tests will take place during the month of May for ALL Year 2 pupils.

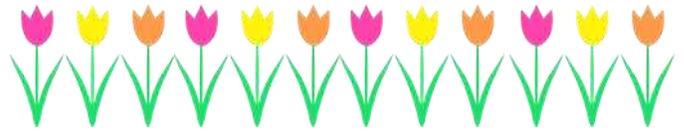
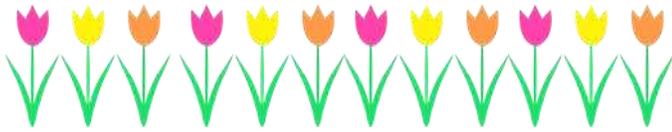
Key Stage 2 tests for Year 6 must be administered as set out below.

Monday 14 th May	English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Test – Papers 1 & 2
Tuesday 15 th May	English Reading Test
Wednesday 16 th May	Maths – Paper 1 - Arithmetic Test Maths – Paper 2 - Reasoning
Thursday 17 th May	Maths – Paper 3 - Reasoning

Residential for YEAR 4 and YEAR 2

YEAR 4 - Our numbers will be finalised by the end of this week and sent to the centre. We have sent out many reminders through text messages, phone calls and letters and also extended the final date for payment of the deposit to secure your child's place. If you have not replied by Friday 12th January you child **will not be able** to attend the residential. If you have concerns about payments please call the office to speak with me before Friday 12th January and I am sure we can sort a payment plan out.





YEAR 2 – You are able to start making payments to the Tattenhall residential, please take advantage of these to allow you to spread the payments out. If you do not wish your child to attend please pop and see me as soon as possible so we are able to discuss concerns you have or confirm that they will not be attending – this will stop the office staff chasing payments and consent.

Swimming for KS2

Swimming will begin in the Summer term for all children in Year 3 and 4 and for children who have not achieved the KS2 standard in Year 5 and 6. I am informing you now to allow you time to prepare for this activity. The children are not allowed to wear goggles or earrings – they **MUST** be taken out for the day your child goes swimming. They will not be allowed in the pool with earrings in. Boys need swimming trunks, **NOT** long beach shorts and girls need a one piece swimming costume. Each child needs a towel. Swimming is not an opt in or opt out activity, it is part of the national curriculum and so it is a requirement for each child to attend.

Homework Policy

Last term I sent out our homework policy and requested your views so I could review our policy with reference to your concerns, celebrations and add your suggestions. Although everyone received this consultation I have only received around 15 replies. I will be reviewing the policy before the end of January to ensure it can be ratified at our Full Governing Body meeting this term. During my review I will be taking on board the suggestions from the responses. If you have any comments and you have not replied may I encourage you to do so before 19th January 2018.

There are many activities noted on our calendar which can be viewed on the school app and on our website. Examples are; sporting events, Number day, dress down day for Easter bingo, PTA family quiz event.....the list goes on. Please take five minutes to catch up on the dates and transfer them to your family diary to ensure that you child is fully involved in all our school activities.

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter and for your continued support to your child and our school. My staff and I are looking forward to this term and all the exciting, inspirational learning they have planned to share with your children.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kathryn Magiera
Head Teacher

