



Y6 Wolves Newsletter

Term 5 2014



Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you had a lovely Easter break and that the children are well rested and ready for a very busy term. SATs are now just weeks away and so we will be very busy familiarising the children with the tests and the process. I have been so pleased with the hard work and commitment that the children have shown. I hope that every child will feel a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction with their effort.

I would like to emphasise the importance of the upcoming assessments as they are an accurate external measure of your child's success at primary school. The levels that your child receives are not only important for this school but will also provide their new secondary schools with information about their academic achievements to inform ability groups and setting.

During the next couple of weeks I will be sending a parent's information pack to inform you about the assessments the children will be sitting. However, I have included a timetable of the week in terms of which assessments will take place on each day. This year the children's ability will be assessed in reading, Mathematics, English grammar, punctuation and spelling. Writing ability is now assessed through teacher assessment which is then moderated by teachers from other local schools. The timings shown here are approximate as we still have a few things to finalise. Level 6 papers will be sat during the same week during the afternoons.

MONDAY 12TH	TUESDAY 13TH	WEDNESDAY 14TH	THURSDAY 15TH	FRIDAY 16TH
09.00 Reading Paper (60 mins)	09.15 English Grammar and Punctuation Test (45 mins) Spelling Test (10mins)	09.00 Mental Maths (20 mins) 10.00 Maths Test A (45 mins)	09.00 Maths Test B (45 mins)	

I cannot stress enough how important it is that the children are in school that week and are on time. It makes a big difference if everyone arrives in plenty of time for the start of each day, having had a good night's sleep and some breakfast. To help with this we will be inviting the Y6 class to have breakfast at school during this week from 8.10am onwards. This has been a great success in the past and a great bonding experience for the children. Further details will follow in a separate letter.

At the end of the week we will be celebrating with a party in the afternoon of Friday 16th May. Any party food you are able to organise for this day would be greatly appreciated. The children will be encouraged to bring a change of clothes for the party.

Of course, this term is not all about SATs and we have many exciting projects to complete. In ICT lessons the class will be collaborating to create a class newsletter filled with articles, games and quizzes that will be published before the end of the school year. I am sure you will agree that this will create a really special memento of their time together at Boughton and Dunkirk school. If you do have any old (or new) photos of the children taken during their time at school I would love to see them as they may well be incorporated into the Leaver's Assembly in July or in a yearbook we hope to produce.

In DT lessons we will be beginning a project into designing and making drawstring bags. Any old pillow cases, lengths of material, ribbon, buttons or sequins will be gratefully received.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me. I can also be contacted on jo.godfrey@bad.kent.sch.uk.

Jo Godfrey and Jo Pickett

PE lessons now take place on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Please make sure that your child has their kit for these days. This consists of a plain white T-shirt, plain black shorts and black plimsolls. As the weather is still a little cool the children should also have tracksuit and trainers for outdoor PE lessons. Please mark every item with your child's name. Jewellery should not be worn at school. If your child wears stud earrings please remember that these need to be removed for PE lessons.