Fordham CE Primary School

Monday 11th May

It take a whole community to raise a child, striving for excellence together

A note from Miss. Rankin

Assessments:
We are storming towards half term and that means statutory assessments for many of the year groups.
This week, we have the Year 6 SATs week in which the children are assessed on all they have learnt in Key Stage Two in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling; Reading and Maths. We wish them all the best for the next few days and know they are ready to try their hardest but remember:

Take a breath. You're ready for today.
Do your best — that's all we ask.
These tests show some things you know,
But they don't show all of you.
Not your kindness, your courage,
Or how hard you try every day.
So go in proud, give it a go,
And remember — SATs measure a little,
But you are so much more.

The Year 6 children will be starting their days with breakfast kindly donated by the Co-op finishing with a cooked brunch on Friday. Thank you to the Co-op for their generosity and for helping the children settle into the day.

Class Assemblies:
We hope that you have enjoyed watching the class assemblies. It has been a real pleasure to see all of the children so confidently showcasing their learning, from speaking and acting to their wonderful singing. Assemblies are a lovely opportunity to celebrate the children's hard work and progress, and we are so proud of the enthusiasm, teamwork and joy they brought to the stage. Well done to the Year 1s who performed last week, so confidently and proudly. It always amazes me how such young children remember so much and every child in Year 1 was involved! They should be very proud.

Year 5 Bowls trip:
On Thursday, Year 5 had the opportunity to go to Fordham Bowls and have a go at the sport. I was told that it was lots of fun, and harder than it looked. Thank you to Fordham Bowls for inviting us along.

House Points:
Withers (Yellow House) and Peter (Blue House) have risen to the top again in earning the most House Points, and thus have won the non-school uniform day. This will take place this Friday 15th May.

Staffing:
It is with much sadness that I announce that Mrs. Wells, one of our school admin. is leaving us at half term on to embark on a new challenge after nearly eight years with us. She is a cheerful member of the admin. Team as well as a knowledgeable Clerk to the Governors, always greeting people with a smile, (and not forgetting an expert of the guinea pigs), and she will be missed. I know you will join with me to wish her all the best in the future.

Staff Vacancy:
If any one is interested and has the skills to become a Clerk to the school Governing Body, please do get in touch to find out more.

Gates opening at collection time:
Please note that the gates to the school grounds will be opening at a later time of 3.10pm going forward, due to the children participating in activities on the school grounds.

A reminder that Friday 22nd May is a PD day so children are not expected in school.

Have a lovely week.
Miss. Rankin

Diary Dates

11th May - GPS SATs
12th May - Reading SATS
13th May - Maths Paper 1 and 2 SATS
13th May - Y3 Forest School
14th May - Maths Paper 3 SATs
15th May - Y2 Forest School
18th May - Y5/6 Netball tournament *invite only
19th May - Y1 Forest School
21st May - Y4 Forest School
21st May - Eco-Committee Litter Pick
21st May - Y5/6 Tag Rugby competition*
21st May - Y5 trip
21st May - Young Musician showcase 9.05 *invite only
22nd May - PD Day - no school

~ Half Term ~

1st June - Return to School
1st June - IEP Meetings 3.20pm *more information to follow
Week beg. 1st June and 8th June: Y4 Multiplication Check
3rd June - KS2 Sports Day (morning)
3rd June - IEP Meetings 3.20pm *more information to follow
Week Beg. 8th June: Year 1 Phonics check
8th June - Y4 Botanic Garden visit
11th June - KS1 Sports Day (morning)
11th June - PTFA School Disco
15th - 17th June - Y6 Residential
16th June - Y4 Forest School
18th June - Early Years trip to South Angle Farm
18th June - Y6 Forest School
19th June - Provisional back up KS1 Sports Day (morning)
23rd June - Y5 Forest School
24th June - Early Years *New starters evening 6-7.30pm
25th June - Provisional back up KS2 Sports Day (morning)
26th June - Y2 Forest School
8th July - Y6 Production 2pm and 5.30pm
10th July - Y2 African Day
11th July - PTFA Summer Fair
14th July - Y1 & Y5 Forest School, Y6 Fair 3.20pm & End of Year Reports out
15th July - Celebration afternoon 2.30pm-3.20pm *more information to follow
16th July - Y6 Forest School and Y6 Leavers' Disco - more information to follow
17th July - Last Day of Term
17th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am
20th July - Disaggregated day - no school

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Tommie (Y3) who competed in his weekly 2k run. He achieved 3rd place out of 70 runners, beating his PB with a time of 9.27. You should be so proud of yourself.

Well done to Kayden for achieving his 5 metre swimming award.

Congratulations also to Martha, Ellise, Isaac C and Elijah for competing in a Gymnastics competition recently. They were able to share what they did in the Flourisher's Collective Worship on Friday.

Congratulations to Evie-Grace, Grace G, Nancy and Isabelle for achieving recognition for First Aid training.

The inaugural Newmarket Joggers Junior Heath Race Primary Schools' Championship was a resounding success last Thursday. 155 children took part in the event.
A huge congratulations to those from Fordham that took part in the Heath Race - all doing so well. The children shared their medals in Friday's assembly - with all children participating achieving in the top twenty for their age categories.

Fordham achieved first place overall out of the schools that competed.