

Dear Parents,

Some news and information as we approach the half term break.

**KS2 SATS**

These took place during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> May. Our 10 Year 6 pupils came to a special breakfast club, supported each other and tackled their tests calmly and with confidence. Whatever the final results we are incredibly proud of all of their hard work and the positive attitude they showed throughout. Every child gave their best effort on the day and should be proud of what they have accomplished-well done!



All of our Year 6 pupils are going to Thomas Gainsborough School this year. They have had interviews with the TGS staff and there has been much liaison with our school so that the children get off to the best possible start next year.

**Supporting Your Child with Reading**

We are holding two reading information sessions for parents (and any others who help your child). They will be on:

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 4:00pm**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00pm**



As you know, reading is the most essential skill for accessing learning in all areas of life. The sessions are for parents with children in Early Years, KS1 or KS2. We will talk about how we teach reading in school and how you can support your child at home. With the summer holiday coming soon afterwards, we will also be giving some suggestions about how you can maintain reading practice so that they are as ready as possible to start their new school year in September. Please do come along. More information nearer the time.

**Awards and Certificates**

Well done to all our Mathletics certificate winners, but especially to Harry and Nathan (Silver Birch) who were awarded gold certificates. Certificates are usually given out weekly on a Friday in assembly and each class competes for possession of the weekly Mathletics trophy.

James and Finlay (Oak) have been having guitar lessons in school for a couple of years now. They have recently passed their 'Initial Stage, Acoustic Guitar' exam with distinction. Many congratulations!



Katie Wainwright is a long term member of our school dance club and has received her gold award-well done!

## Staffing News

Mrs Phillips will be starting her maternity leave at half term. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well in the coming months and look forward to the news of a new arrival!

Mrs Savory will be taking Oak class for the duration of the maternity leave and we welcome Mrs Linton who will be joining our staff after half term to work in partnership with Mrs Pilkington in Maple class.

## School Council

Last term I asked The School Council to choose a new carpet for the library. They decided to canvas the opinions of other children and showed them pictures of alternatives. They then organised a vote. Older members of the council wrote to the FOS asking them to fund it, to which, they of course, said yes.

The carpet has arrived!

It is really great that our School Council can take part in events like this, showing collaborative and leadership skills. Well done!



## Father's Day Gifts

It is not too late to return the order form for the Father's Day gift that the FOS are helping the children to make. The 'Pebble Men' cost £2.00 each and you can order for uncles, grandads, or any other significant men in your child's life. The craft sessions begin after half term, so don't delay-please order in plenty of time to avoid disappointment.

## Reminder – Wednesday Pick & Mix lunches

Pick and mix lunches MUST be pre-ordered on a Monday by 10.00am for the Wednesday that week, except when there is a Bank Holiday or non-pupil day, when it must be pre-ordered the Friday before. Please therefore order by this Friday (26<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am), for a pick and mix lunch the first Wednesday back (Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June). Please also enclose £2.40 payment unless your child receives free school meals. Hot lunches are also available as usual on Wednesdays.

## Administrative Changes in the MAT (Multi-Academy Trust)

After half term we will officially be part of the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan MAT. As said in previous letters, the day to day structure and running of the school will remain the same. The main administrative change for parents to note is:

**All cheques (for lunches, school trips and football club etc.) should be made payable to:  
'St Edmundsbury and Ipswich MAT'**

*I hope the weather stays fine for our half term break. Children are due back in school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.*

Best wishes  
Jane Le Grice