

New Town Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are enjoying the warm sunshine that we have received recently and through the bank holiday last weekend. We are approaching the end of another busy term but still have lots going on before we break up. Please ensure you read the dates list included in the newsletter this week to stay up to date with important events.

Our Year Six pupils will be sitting their Statutory Assessment Tests next week so it is really important that all pupils arrive to school at the earlier time of 8.00am to take advantage of the free breakfast and to ensure they are settled and ready. Any late arrivals could miss vital information about their tests. We wish them all the very best of luck and are very proud of all their hard work and dedication in preparation for the tests.

Finally a big thank you to all parents and carers who have contributed recently to the payments for clubs and trips. Without your continued support we would not be able to offer all the extra-curricular events that we arrange to enrich the children's learning.

Mrs P. Cornish & Ms M. Parsons

Deputy Head Teachers



PREPARATION FOR YEAR 6 SATS NEXT WEEK:

Ahead of the year 6 SATs, which start on Monday, to help support your children to do as well as they can in these important exams please note:

- ♥ In order to give the children a good start to the day we will be providing a continental breakfast (croissant, fruit, yoghurt and juice) to all pupils who wish to take advantage. There will be no cost to parents for this. Pupils should arrive at the main gate for 8am to take part in this. Children arriving after this time will need to come into school at the usual time as the gates will be locked.
- ♥ Attendance at school is essential to ensure your child can sit these very important papers, please make every effort to get your children in to school punctually each day as some papers will be taken first thing in the morning.
- ♥ Please ensure your child gets lots of rest and sleep ahead of the tests.
- ♥ Best of luck to all our Year 6 pupils!

A REMINDER OF OUR ABSENCE PROCEDURE:

If your child is unwell and unable to come into school please call us on 0118 9375509 as soon as you are able. You should select **OPTION 1** and leave full details there regarding the absence:

- ⇒ Child's name
- ⇒ Child's class
- ⇒ Reason for absence
- ⇒ When you expect your child to return to school

If your child has suffered from vomiting or diarrhoea then they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last instance.



THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL VIKING SHIELD MR BORDOWSKA

When Maja told her parents that she was learning about Vikings in Skylarks, her Dad immediately started to make something very special for us. He presented Skylarks with this wonderful shield, along with some chain mail, to get us into the mood of these Scandinavian seafaring pirates Thank you so much.

The Secret Gardeners



Terns and Toucans have been busy planting in the new raised beds in the secret garden. They've planted garlic, radishes, marigolds, spring onions and rocket. They've also been learning about taking cuttings and dividing plants. You may have noticed some herbs in the planters in the playground, the work of the secret gardeners!

"In the garden with Naomi we have been planting vegetables like rocket, spring onions and mint. In the garden we grew sunflowers, strawberries, lavender and more—it's fun! We garden every other Tuesday. I have learnt about how seeds grow flowers, how to plant and learnt how to grow herbs." - By Lily.



Marvellous Maths



Terns have been learning all about nets of cuboids in maths this week.

We took apart some cardboard boxes to find out what their nets looked like and then tried to recreate them! The results were fantastic, as you can see.



Be warned if you have a Tern in your household, they might be taking apart any cardboard boxes they find!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 11th May:	Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle
Week commencing 14th May:	SATs for year 6 pupils
Friday 18th May:	Year 6 trip to Sonning
Tuesday 22nd May, 1.15pm:	FS2 (Peacocks and Parrots) Sports Day
Tuesday 22nd May:	Year 6 swimming begins
Friday 25th May:	Term 5 ends, 3.15pm
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June:	Half term break, school closed
Monday 4th June:	School closed—INSET
Tuesday 5th June:	Term 6 begins
Wednesday 6th June:	Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle
Wednesday 13th June 2018:	Year 5 trip to Highclere Estate
Sunday 17 th June:	East Reading festival (Dance & Choir clubs - those involved will be notified)
Wednesday 20th June:	FS2 (Peacocks and Parrots) trip to Bucklebury Farm
Friday 6 th July, 5-6.30pm:	Summer Fair
Tuesday 17 th July (PM):	End of year attendance celebration (Invitees TBC)
Friday 20 th July, 1.30pm:	End of school (collect in the usual way).
Monday 3rd September:	School closed - INSET
Tuesday 4th September:	Autumn term 1 begins

Please note that all important dates are on our www.newtown.reading.sch.uk school website: