

FRIDAY LETTER

Brook Acre CP School

Learn and be happy

20 April 2018

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Year 6 Statutory Testing Monday 14 - Thursday 17 May 20



Thank you to all parents who attended the information session for Year 2 and Year 6 statutory testing, this week. Key Stage 1 tests will be administered in class from 18-25 May.

The Key Stage 2 tests will be taken nationally on the following timetable:

Monday 14 May 2018	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions (45 mins) English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling (15 mins)
Tuesday 15 May 2018	English reading (60 mins)
Wednesday 16 May 2018	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic (30 mins) Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning (40 mins)
Thursday 17 May 2018	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning (40 mins)

We are exceptionally proud of all our children and Year 6 are certainly no exception. We know that children who are determined, proud and who believe they are capable will always perform at their best. We work together on this mission to enable all our young people to head on to their next phase in the best possible place to continue their success at secondary school.

How can you help?

- Ensure children **complete homework**/Study Books and **prove their answers** and thinking.
- Support child to **re-read through their writing**, consider **spelling** carefully and use a **dictionary** to support
- **Read regularly** and support access to, and high comprehension on, **reading plus**
- Learn **times tables and maths facts for passports**
- Ensure that children are **in school every day**.
- Help the children to **feel good about themselves**, feel positively determined, know we are proud and aim to keep calm.

If anyone has any questions or queries in relation to the tests or how to support their child, please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Stansfield, Mrs Andrews or Miss Holmes.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Please see the separate letter (sent out today) detailing changes to free school meals eligibility which came into force on 1 April this year.

In order to qualify for Free School Meals (KS2) or pupil premium funding (KS1/FS) parents must prove that they are in receipt of one of the following:

- Universal credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Child Tax Credit, provided they have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Guarantee of Pension Credit
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on

If you receive one of these benefits, please contact the school office to complete an application form to claim free school meals and pupil premium funding.

Year 4 Chocolate Factory



During the holidays, each child in Year 4 received an exclusive golden ticket. This invited all children to visit the Year 4 Chocolate Factory on the first day back where they were greeted by two Oompa Loopas and Verruca Salt, holding huge, magical lollipops. First of all, the children explored the transformed classroom and talked to each other about what they could see then, as a class, the children discussed how they felt when they received their special, golden ticket. The children took part in many exciting activities including, tasting chocolate, tasting fillings for their own designs, designing wrappers and producing packaging, with Mr Wonka himself setting them an extraordinary challenge, which they are extremely excited to take on.

What a fantastic way to start their new Learning Journey, 'Chocolicious'.



Baby News!

Everyone at Brook Acre School would like to pass on their congratulations to Miss Smith who gave birth to a healthy baby boy during the half term holidays. We're looking forward to meeting baby Liam when Miss Smith brings him in. Miss Smith and family are now enjoying spending time with their new little bundle of joy and making many happy memories.



STARS OF THE WEEK				SEAL THEME			
★	FS1 AM Grace E		★	FS1 PM Patrick L			
	FS2 Bella	★	Year 1 Ellie		"I Can Stand Up For What I Believe In"		
	Year 2 Riley James		Year 3 Maddison		Children spotted this week:		
★	Year 4 Brandon		Year 5C Keeley		FS1 AM Èbony		FS1 PM Millie I-G
	Year 5K Kyle	★	Year 6 Courtney	★	FS2 Sophia D	Y1 Emily	
					Y2 Bianca	Y3 Anastasia	
					Y4 Rhys	Y5C Calvin	
					Y5K Rebekah	Y6 Lilli-Mai	

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 1 - 99.3%

Well Done!




Captain's Table

Congratulations to our Stars, SEAL and Headteacher Award winners, who will all be invited to enjoy their lunch on the Captain's Table.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO HARRY IN YEAR 3 ON ACHIEVING HIS LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN SWIMMING. WELL DONE HARRY!



Headteacher Award

The Headteacher's Award is given each week to children who have shown impeccable behaviour, outstanding attitudes and admirable learning skills.

This week the Headteacher's Award goes to:

Foundation Stage – Zara-May (FS2) for amazing writing about the gingerbread man this week and showing such a great attitude to learning, she's flying through her reading too!

Key Stage 1 – Caitlin G (Y2) for amazing application of learning in her writing this week. Caitlin's been making great use of expanded noun phrases when working independently this week – fantastic learning, Caitlin.

Key Stage 2 – Aiden (Y5K) for outstanding progress within maths. Aiden is acutely aware of his next steps and is on such a personal mission to achieve, it's simply stunning!




WORD OF THE WEEK!

This week's word was: "Determined"

"Having determination means you want to do something and never give up." (Jun Nakama, Y3)

"I'm determined to ride my bike without stabilisers!" (Daisy-May Worrall, FS2)

"Footballers show a lot of determination in their football matches." (Layton Gosney, Y3)

Next week's word - 'reflection'

The challenge is set to see how often we can use these words in our talking and in our writing, both at school and at home with families. Please send in any examples used at home after half term, so we can celebrate this out of school learning with the children.

After School Clubs

Once again we are offering a wide variety of After School Clubs this half term. All the clubs run from 3:15 pm - 4.15 pm.

	Homework Club*	Monday	FS2/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
	Craft Club	Monday	FS2
	English/Maths Booster Club	Monday & Tuesday	Y6
	Tennis Club	Monday	Y1/Y2
	Girls' Football Club	Monday	Y5/Y6
	Gymnastics Club	Tuesday	FS2/Y1/Y2
	Tennis Club	Tuesday	Y3/Y4
	Dance Club	Thursday	FS2/Y1/Y2
	Singing Club	Friday	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
	Football Club	Friday	Y3/Y4

** Homework Club takes place every Monday straight after school. Parents are invited to bring along their children to Homework Club to read, practise spellings and number bonds and to complete homework tasks. This is a club which is supported by at least one member of staff who can help with explaining tasks and teaching methods.*




Is your child a computer buff? Padgate Library are holding a **CODE CLUB** on Tuesdays from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm, starting **Tuesday 24 April**. The club is open to children aged from 7 to 13 and is **free** (though advanced booking is essential). For more information, please contact 01925 754367.