



Friday 12th May

Tunstead Primary Newpage

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear parents,

Over the coming weeks, many of our pupils will be taking part in various forms of assessment that you may hear about at home. While these are a mandatory part of the school system at this time, the team in school work carefully with the pupils to try and make sure the children are as comfortable and relaxed as possible for them. We also recognise that their personal strengths as sportspeople, artists, writers, coders and well-rounded young people are far more important than the results of a test. This week in school has seen our Year 6s take on the challenge of SATS, and we are all so proud of their resilience and determination to show what they can do. You may have seen some discussion in the media around the difficulty of some of the papers this year, but we were all amazed with how bravely our children took on the challenges they were presented with. While SATS remain a necessary part of school life for Year 6, they are not how we will judge their time with us. We hope they all have a well deserved rest over the weekend.

Our Year 2 pupils are also gearing up for their SATS assessments, which take place in a more informal manner than the Year 6 tests and will happen in stages over the rest of the month. These are approached more like tasks to do within a lesson, and are completed to support the end of year teacher judgements.

After half term, we have two other year groups taking part in shorter, more specific national assessments. Year 1s will be taking part in the national phonics check, and our Year 4s take on the Multiplication Times Tables Check.

Should any parents have any questions about upcoming assessments for their child, then please ask your child's class teacher or Mr Birkinshaw. Wishing you all a restful weekend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

May

- 17th - Yr 6 youth first aid session
- 18th - Heroes Lunch
 - Sycamore Teddy Bear Clinic
- 22nd - Year 6 Crucial Crew
- 24th - Cluster Cricket event
- 25th - Year 6 Gresham STEAM event
- 26th - Class photos
- 29th - 2nd June half-term

June

- 6th & 8th - Parents Evening TBC
- 14th - Birch London trip
- 15th - Oak National Child Measurement Programme, vision & hearing screening
 - New parents information evening

CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & AOB	86.05%	95.06%	96.74%	96.13%
	Please could all parents remember sun cream and sun hats as we move into warmer months...	Our kindness bears are enjoying kind children to spend the weekend with!	We have enjoyed creating clay tiles and learnt some lessons about thickness and attaching securely!	Reminder that swimming continues from Monday.

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's

Award

Year 6

Our amazing Year 6s who have been resilient and determined to show their best in the SATS this week.

We are all so proud of you!

Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Eden** for incredible writing and independence in her work

Sycamore - **Theo F** for thinking of engaging content for his consistent high standard of work and behaviour

Conifer - **Mia-May** and **Jenson** for their resilience in their learning

Birch - **Poppy F** for her maturity and determination to take on challenges in all learning

School Council

We have met this week to discuss upcoming events for the summer term. We have some interesting things planned, so watch this space!

House Points

1st - Otter 3594

2nd - Swallowtail 3473

3rd - Bittern 3116

4th - Harrier 2848

Tunstead Friends



The Friends have been busy planning the summer fayre on Saturday 8th July. It should be a real celebration of the school's 110th birthday with some free entertainment to enjoy. As always for our fundraising to be successful we rely on the support of volunteers and sponsors and we would be very grateful if any parents would like to give some time to help either with the setting up or on the day. We would appreciate any time you can offer. This year children will receive house points if their parents help. Please talk to one of the Friends or email us at tfriends5wra@nsix.org.uk. If you know of any business who would like to sponsor the event please let us know

Fundraising Event



If you have been affected by someone who has had Dementia or Alzheimer's and would like to help raise some money towards vital research, or you simply have a love of plants, please pop along to the following event on Saturday 27th May between 12-2pm, it would be lovely to see you!

Forest School

We have had a busy week at Forest School!

Oak Class have been learning all about birds, making nests and then writing about them.

Sycamore Class had great fun completing an animal categories game.

Conifer club enjoyed having a go at lighting the fire with a fire steel then sampling hot chocolate and marshmallows!