

During this term children will have an opportunity to make their own pizza at Pizza Express, children will go on one of the dates which are **20th May, 21st May and 4th June**. They will also learn about personal safety during a visit to **Crucial Crew in early June**. We would appreciate offers of help to accompany these trips nearer the time.



Year 6 Production

This year's production is entitled 'Lights Camera Action' and is a musical reflecting on the adventure that is primary school and is guaranteed to strike a chord with you all. There will be a performance during the afternoon of the 8th July to the rest of the school and a performance to you with cabaret style seating on the **evening of the 9th July**.

Leavers' Assembly

Leavers' assembly will take place on **Monday 21st July at 2.30pm**. This is where children are presented with their dictionary (from the PTA) and we say our official farewells and good luck. There are opportunities after this for the children to take their photos of each other.

Thank you evening

This year, for the first time we are going to have an evening where the children will wait on you as you eat a meal prepared by them. We hope that this will be a chance for them to show you how much they have appreciated your support during their time at primary school. The date for your diaries is **Thursday 17th July**, timings to follow.

Staff

This term class 15 will be taught by Mrs Noon, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Norris (Monday mornings) Class 16 will be taught by Mr Dee. Teachers' Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA) will be covered by Mrs Evans.

The Teaching assistants supporting Year Six will be:
Mrs M. Evans Mrs. T. Thomson
Mr A. Ciappi Mrs G Earlham
Ms K Doy Mrs K Bolt

We all look forward to this term and with home and school working together, your children will be able to achieve their best and enjoy their last term at primary school.

Communication

We work hard to do the best for your child. If, at any time, you have a concern or question, please talk to the class teacher who will be around at the end of each day. If you are still concerned please talk to the Phase Leader (Mrs Noon) or Mr Wood.

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



SUMMER TERM 2008

Welcome ...

... to our Year group newsletter! We hope you will find the information in this newsletter both helpful and informative. This will be a busy but exciting term for Year Six children as they take their SATs and prepare to leave Clifford Road to start at High School in September.

The Curriculum

The first five weeks of the Summer term will mainly consist of revising areas taught within Maths, Literacy and Science over Key Stage 2 in preparation for The Year Six SATs which take place during the week beginning **12th May**. Although we will, of course, be continuing to teach other areas of the curriculum, including ICT and art based on the work of Picasso. Both Year Six classes will have PE on Thursday afternoons. We have arranged for two specialist coaches to teach the children. Half of the afternoon will be spent dancing and the other half playing football—so hopefully there will be something for everyone. Please note that we still require year 6 children to wear school PE kit—green shorts and a plain white T shirt and remind you to delay any requests to have ears pierced until the start of the holidays.

Literacy

This will include reviewing all text types within Literacy: poetry, narrative (stories) and non-narrative.

Writing: We are working very hard to help the children feel confident in writing for many different purposes. Handwriting is just one small part of this. To support us with this, please encourage your child to write at home, for example, thank you letters, invitations, stories, poems, postcards, etc... Please support them in any homework that is sent home.

Reading: Children will continue to bring home guided reading tasks related to SATs revision and will have weekly tasks to complete in their reading journals. Following the tests, children will have a personal reading project to do—this will involve a choice of journal activities based around a book by one of our focus authors—to be decided! This project will then be sent to their High School.

Spelling: Spelling strategies are taught within the Literacy hour and children also have a chance to practice these during Morning Literacy sessions which take place during register time. They are also encouraged to keep a personal record of spellings to be learnt, taken from misspelt words from their own writing. Each child has a personal spelling log which may be brought home for further reinforcement, as long as it is brought back in the following day!

Maths



During the first five weeks of term we will be revisiting all areas of maths, making sure that children feel confident ready for their tests. We will be brushing up on our knowledge of the key facts that they need to know such as times tables, equivalent measures and facts about shapes. We will also give the opportunity to try problem solving questions so that they can apply their knowledge.

After the test week we will be starting a project that will be continued when the children get to High School, they will be working in their High School exercise books and teachers from the High School will be popping in to lessons to see how they are getting on.

Science: As with the other core subjects, we will spend the first part of term revising topics covered in science in previous years and giving children the opportunity to tackle past test questions. Following the tests we will be working on a topic entitled 'Bubbles' that investigates the bubbles made with bubble mixture, (both commercial and home made with washing up liquid) this topic will also be taken up by Copleston during the induction days which are the **25th and 26th of June**.



SATs week

This year, the end of Key Stage Two SATs take place during the **week 12th –16th May**. Please ensure your child is in school for the **whole** of this week and that they get plenty of sleep. We try to make it as stress free as possible by preparing the children well and encouraging each child to do their best. The weeks leading up to the SATs will help your child know what to expect but you can help by providing a quiet place for them to complete their homework. There is still time to **buy your copy of the Maths or Science Revision books. They are available from the school office for £3.99** And don't forget the excellent revision website: www.bbc.co.uk/revisewise

Visits and focus weeks

The French trip takes place during the week beginning **9th June**. There will be a meeting for parents of those children going on the trip when we have received the final booking details, of course children are welcome to attend as well. This year, the adults going to France with the children will be: Mr Wood, Mrs Noon, Mrs Welton and Mr Foster. Mr Dee will be looking after those children not going to France who will also have a busy week of projects, practical activities and local outings including a trip to Felixstowe.