

Upper Key Stage 2 Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13 July 2018

Dear parents/carers,

Another warm week... again!

The children are managing rehearsals and end of year report writing in this heat admirably. Much of this week has involved preparing for next week's Lion King performance. From what we've seen so far, it's going to be something special.

To further help the children cope with the heat, please make sure they have a hat, sun cream and a water bottle.

Reports will be handed to the children on Friday 20th July. Please do not hesitate to contact us if your child's report doesn't make it home. The children have been told that it addressed to their parents and must be handed to them!

IMPORTANT

The production of the Lion King is on Wednesday 18th July at 1.30 p.m. and Thursday 19th July at 6.30 p.m. All named characters must arrive at school between 5:15 and 5:30 on Thursday in order to get ready for the evening performance in time for its start time of 6:30 pm. Please make sure that all of your costumes are brought in ASAP.

DATE FOR DIARY:

The year six leavers disco and BBQ will be at the school on Monday 23rd July from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. It would be great to have all the children

WATER MELON MONDAY:

Water melon will be on sale after school on Monday to raise money for the Year 6 party – please buy as much water melon as possible

KEY DATES:

Haro – Mr Godby

23rd July – Year 6 leavers Disco
and BBQ 6:30-8:30

Ob – Mr Stowe

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Pick up and drop off:

Please come into school in the mornings via the side gates (into the main playground or into the EYFS playground). These gates will be opened just before 8.40 a.m. so that children can go straight into classes.

- ii. Please avoid coming through reception unless you need to speak to our administrators – please ring for entry.*
- iii. We provide breakfast club for children who regularly need to arrive before 8.40 a.m. (please speak to Steph Lowe to enrol). Parents should deliver children to breakfast club by using the after-school-club bell and entering via the hall doors.*
- iv. For those who occasionally arrive early, children may wait in the hall (although parents should be aware that this is not supervised) from 8.30 a.m. until classes are open at 8.40 a.m. Please could parents ring at reception for children to come in (not the bell for breakfast club).*
- v. Afternoons – the two side gates will be opened just before 3 p.m. Children in EYFS to Y3 will be handed back to parents. Please could children in the KS2 building meet parents in an agreed spot outside on the playground.*
- vi. If you are late collecting, children should go to the blue chairs in reception to wait. When you arrive, please come to reception to sign them out.*

Homework

There has been a query regarding times tables and how children are being challenged. At the beginning of the year the children start back at the two times table. When they get them right without any errors they move onto the next number. Mrs Robson has challenged all of the children to reach their twelve times table; receiving a chocolate cake as a reward. From there, the children continue with 0.2 through to 1.2.

If your child is on a times table that they are confident with, an additional challenge may be:

- **Learn the inverse e.g $4 \times 5 = 20$, $20 / 5 = 4$.**
- **Time yourself, how quickly can you recall them?**
- **Jumble them up**
- **Make the times table 10 x bigger / smaller!**
- **Don't stop at 12, carry on to 19!**

Homework consists of:

- **Times tables** (set by Mrs Robson)
- **Spellings** (choice of activities – one / week)
- **Takeaway** (project work that is linked to our termly topic)
- **My Maths** (set by their maths teacher)

Homework books are expected to be handed in on a Wednesday and will be handed back to the children on Friday. Please remind the children to hand their books in on time so that they can be marked.

A few children have found navigating *My Maths* and completing the tasks tricky. Unfortunately, you cannot save your progress and then return later to complete your task. This means

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that the children have to complete their *My Maths* task in one session. Another issue has been not saving work after completing a task. When you complete your task and a result is given, your session is automatically saved and you can close the screen. If you press *next* it will reset the session and all progress will be lost.

The maths tasks are usually linked to our focus in numeracy for that week. If your child logs onto *My Maths* and finds the task too challenging please do not panic! It is absolutely fine for them to attempt some of their own number problems, using the weeks focus, in their homework book.

If you are unsure about any element of the homework please do not hesitate to come and see us. We hope that this is useful, and please let us know if there are any queries.