



St Mary Magdalene CE Primary School Newsletter



20th May 2008

“Love to learn, learn to love”



SATS Tests



I'm sure that all of the children are pleased that the testing process in school is over for yet another year. Teachers are very busy marking the papers so that they can share the information with you in your child's report. The year 6 scripts have been dispatched to be marked. We have to wait until the results are returned in July, to see how the children have performed, in comparison with the rest of the country. I continue to be amazed that we have such an elaborate and expensive system in place for testing learning by subjecting children to this costly and cruel regime.

Meanwhile, although the tests are completed, we still have 8 weeks of school left, almost a quarter of the year. It must not be assumed that learning has stopped or is no longer important. Teaching and learning will continue right up to the end of term in July. A variety of activities are planned for the coming months to make school even more interesting and enjoyable.

Sunshine

Your child may bring a sun hat and sunglasses into school. Please make sure that they are labelled with your child's name. All of the advice recommends long sleeves to protect arms in very sunny weather. Covering up is often the best way to stay protected and cool. If you wish to smother your child in sun cream before leaving home please do so, however we do not want to have it in school. Staff will not be available to apply sun cream.



Punctuality

I am very concerned at the number of children arriving after the bell at 9.00am. Our Home School Agreement requires parents to ensure that their child arrives punctually for school. Staff are being asked to monitor children who are persistently late. This information will be communicated in your child's end of year report.

Medicine in School

Please do not send medication to school with your child. Normally if children require medication they are not well enough to be in school. In the rare circumstances of children requiring medication at school, parents must complete an Indemnity form ***before*** leaving one dose with Mrs Vale.

Half Term

We will break up for half term at 3.30pm on Friday 23rd May. School reopens for the final half term of the year on:

MONDAY JUNE 2ND.

We do not have any training days remaining this year!

Arriving Early and Being Collected Late

We take responsibility for your children from 8.50am each day. Yet despite many requests we still are having a number of children being left alone on our playground from as early as 8.15am.

Similarly we do have a number of children who are regularly being collected far later than 3.30pm. I accept that on the odd occasion people may be delayed but unfortunately we do have regular offenders. Plus we understand that some children are being asked by their parents to stand in the street and wait for them for lengthy periods of time, until they arrive.

At a recent head teachers meeting I attended, I was advised that in such cases I could ring Social Services and inform them of the individual cases. I do not want to go along this line, but feel that I might not have any other option unless things are sorted out. Your children's safety is our Number One concern!

School Uniform

As the weather gets warmer, in many schools, the standard of school uniform sometimes slips. I really don't want this to happen here and I'm sure you will help us by making sure that no matter the weather your child attends in appropriate clothing. Strappy tops, hooded tops, jeans, flip flops and clothes which are not school colours are really not suitable.

Thank you for your continued support with this matter!

Dates for your Diary

May

- W/B Monday 19th - Arts Week
- Friday 23rd - Break Up for Whitsun

June

- Monday 2nd - Return to school
- Friday 6th - Nursery Induction Day for 2008/09 intake. Closed for current Nursery pupils.
- Friday 13th - Reception Vision Checks by School Nurse
- Thursday 26th - New Reception Parents Meeting 2.15pm
- Friday 27th - New Reception Parents and Child sessions am and pm
- Monday 30th - KS2 production dress rehearsal

July

- Tuesday 1st - KS2 Production (Afternoon and evening performances)
- Thursday 3rd - Reports to Parents
- Friday 4th - PTA Summer Fair 2pm to 4.30pm
- W/B Monday 7th - Health Week
- Tuesday 8th - Sports Afternoon for Rec and KS1
- Wednesday 9th - Sports Afternoon for KS2
- Thursday 10th - Parents Evening 4pm to 7pm
- Wednesday 16th - School Disco
- Thursday 17th - Leavers Graduation
- Friday 18th - Break Up – Leavers Assembly

