



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th – Thursday 17th May: KS2 SATs
Wednesday 23rd May: Year 4 Watts Exhibition
Thursday 24th May: PTFA Books4Bugs: 3 – 4pm
Friday 25th May: Break Up for Half Term
Monday 4th June: SCHOOL STARTS
Friday 8th – Saturday 9th June: Cub Camp
Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th June: Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 20th June: Play and Stay for New Reception (2018) children – 1:30 – 2:20pm
Saturday 30th June: PTFA Summer Fair
Wednesday 4th July: Play and Stay for New Reception (2018) children – 1:30 – 2:30pm
Wednesday 11th July: Play and Stay for New Reception (2018) children – 1:30 – 2:30pm
Wednesday 18th July: R&KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 19th July: KS2 Sports Day
Friday 20th July: TERM ENDS 1.30pm
Monday 23rd July: INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 5th September: SCHOOL STARTS – YEARS 1 – 6
Monday 10th September: SCHOOL STARTS – Reception: 8:45 – 11:30am
Tuesday 11th – Wednesday 12th September: Reception: 8:45 – 11:30am

Stars of the Week

Cedar: Ava K, Riley
Elder: Archie, Esmee
Elm: Emile, Gabriella
Hazel: Chirine, Josh
Hornbeam: Olivia, Robbie
Lavender: Florence, John
Maple: Jamie, Rolan
Maytree: Diego, Edward
Pear: Charity, Jason
Pine: Zuzanna Marecka
Walnut: Mohamed, Ryan
Willow: Gemini, Pranaï



Hot Weather Precautions

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your children before they leave for school. All children should have a hat – we have **baseball caps**, with the new school logo, **for sale** at **£4** each from the office. Children should also have a refillable water bottle for use during the day.



From Miss Lim

As many of you may already know, next week, Year 6 pupils across the country will be sitting Standard Attainment Tests, commonly known as SATS. Every year the SATS tests are the subject of much debate in the media, as parents and teachers complain about the pressure put on children and the fact that results are only for the school's benefit, not the children's. Whatever your views are on the SATS, and testing children in general, I think it's important to remember the following:

- The children sit the tests in a familiar learning environment, supported by familiar staff. It is not in anyone's interest to create a high-pressured situation and we do everything we can to ensure the opposite is true.
- The longest test is 1 hour, which is no different from the amount of time they would spend learning in a typical lesson.
- The knowledge and skills they are tested on in each subject ensure they are well prepared to be successful in secondary school and able to access an exciting Key Stage 3 curriculum.
- Our Y6 pupils have not just been preparing for the SATS tests this year! Yes, they have had to do lots of work to help them prepare for the tests but practice tests ensure they will feel confident next week, not overwhelmed. And they have also had a huge number of fantastic learning experiences and been involved in art projects, dance and drama, sport and, of course, Scouting.
- The results are important for the school, there is no question about that, but that is because they are used by our multi-academy trust TKAT, the Department of Education and Ofsted as one way of measuring the quality of education we provide for every child at Weyfield. They are only one measure though and, as a school, we continue to do everything we can to ensure we measure what we value, not just value what we can measure.

I am incredibly proud of the way our Year 6 have worked this year and I know they will make the most of the opportunity next week to show off how much they have learned, so we can all celebrate how far they have come!

Have a great weekend and thank you for your ongoing support,

Miss Lim

Headteacher



Please drop in to the Yellow Hall from 3pm – 4pm on Thursday 23rd May to have a slice of cake and a cuppa for only 50p. Look through the books on offer; they are all new and cost only £2.50! It will be a great opportunity to buy some books and socialise with other families at the same time!

Are you fond of baking? Could you donate a cake for this event? Please see any member of the PTFA if you are able to help. Thank you.

Royal Wedding Dance celebrations

With Tea



Sat 19th May 3.00 – 5.30pm

Come and enjoy an afternoon of dancing and refreshments as part of St Peter's 50th Celebrations

Adults £1; Children 50p Families £3

St Peter's Shared Church

Sharing Christ's love in this Community

Winchester TryTri

On Monday, in blistering heat, Aneira – along with about 160 other young people aged from 8-15 – took part in the 10th anniversary Winchester TryTri junior triathlon. This consisted of a 100m swim, 2km bike ride and 1km run.

TryTri is a company which supports people to enable them to participate in triathlons, whether they be seasoned athletes or complete beginners and, last year, Aneira took part in her first junior triathlon, when she was sponsored and raised money for her Brownie pack.



This year she wanted to try and beat last year's time, which she did, in an incredible 14 minutes 30 seconds! She received a medal for completing the course and a very welcome

bottle of water! She says the swim was easy as she regularly swims for 2 hours each week, but the run was more difficult, particularly in the heat.

One of TryTri's mottos is "The difference between try and triumph is the umph!" For more information, visit www.trytri.co.uk.

Congratulations to Pine Class, who have the highest attendance this week of **99.29%**; they will be awarded golden time. This week's **whole-school attendance** is **95.22%**. Once more, we are really close to achieving our whole-school target of 96%. Regular attendance is extremely important, not only for academic progress, but also for social development and good relationships.

Year 1 Sportshall Event

Yesterday (Thursday), the Sportshall events concluded, as Year 1 visited the Spectrum Centre for their opportunity to display their athletic talents.

An enthusiastic audience, many of whom were Weyfield parents, saw the children jumping, throwing, bowling and running and we have definitely spotted some sports stars of the future!

The children competed with enthusiasm, made lots of noise and had fun! (The last two were compulsory!) All of our children were tremendous ambassadors for the school, trying their hardest, cheering on their team-mates and congratulating their opponents. Their behaviour was exemplary.

The morning was concluded with a picnic in the sun back at school, and all the children agreed the best part of the event was... everything!

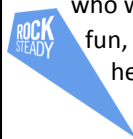


Rock On!

Following on from our hugely successful Rocksteady Music Camp over the Easter holidays, we are delighted to report that five of our Year 5 and 6 boys, Alaa, Bobby, Daniel, Mohamed and Toby – collectively known as *The Blanks* – impressed Scott, the Rocksteady CEO, so much that he has been working with them to write their own song, which will be recorded in a real studio and released for charity!

The boys have been practising with band leaders Luke and Alice from Rocksteady in preparation for the big day, and there is even talk of a video and photoshoot!

If you have any budding Ed Sheerans or Dua Lipas at home, who would like to make some music and have some fun, then Rocksteady could be just the place for them, helping them build confidence and gain important life skills at the same time as playing in a band.



Congratulations to Joey Meynell, who has achieved a **Gold Athletics Certificate**.

International Weyfield

Jakub and his family came to this country from Poland a few years ago. Since they have lived here, his little brother has been born. When Jakub arrived, he spoke no English at all, but says he 'just picked it up' from the other children while he was at nursery. He now speaks excellent English, even though he always speaks Polish at home. His mother is learning to speak English, and Jakub is helping her with this and helps her when they are out and about. Not bad for a seven-year-old!