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The Thurleigh Times

What a busy few weeks we have had. The SATS tests have now been completed for both Year 2 and Year 6 and we are incredibly proud of how well our children have been throughout this period, particularly the Year 6 children who have shown great maturity and have displayed a fantastic work ethic. We are also almost at half term and then it will be just a matter of weeks until the Summer Holidays begin. This year has positively whizzed by! Sarah Moore

SATS are Now Over

Well done to the Year 2 children for completing their SATS tests last week. This week the Year 6 children arrived early every morning for their very own 'SATS Breakfast Club'. This was a time to relax and reflect...and of course Mrs Tough's legendary sausage sandwiches and Mrs Morgan's yummy bacon rolls were on offer! Each morning Mr Cole gave the children a boosting chat for the day ahead, before the children undertook their daily tests. A big thank you to all staff who were involved in this each morning.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

You may have heard about the growing concerns regarding the Mental Health and Wellbeing of children. The Mental Health Foundation reports that 'Mental health problems affect about 1 in 10 children and young people. They include depression, anxiety and conduct disorder, and are often a direct response to what is happening in their lives. ... The emotional wellbeing of children is just as important as their physical health'. With this in mind, we will be working with a Mindfulness and Wellbeing practitioner who will be running a series of workshops across all age ranges within the school.

The focus will be to develop different areas such as:

- Confidence and self-esteem.
- Self-awareness.
- Relaxation techniques for stress.
- Anxiety and coping with change.
- Compassion, empathy and kindness to oneself and each other.
- Social and emotional skills.



We hope to be able to give the children some valuable life-long skills which will support their motivation and engagement in learning and achievement.

Dads in School Day

Just a reminder that on Friday 14th June we will be hosting 'Dads in School Day'. This will be a morning where we invite dads, carers, grandads, uncles etc to spend the morning in classrooms with the children and join in classroom activities. More details to follow after half term, but please keep this day free in your diary if you would like to attend.

Bikeability

From Monday 10th – Thursday 13th June, Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in 'Bikeability' which will be held in the school grounds and on the roads around the local area. Each child will need the use of a 'roadworthy' bicycle and a bike helmet. Please look on the school website for more information www.thurleighprimary.uk in the 'Latest News' section. Here you will also find online links for the Bikeability website/Dept. for Transport. **If anyone needs to borrow a bike for this event, please contact Mr Cole as soon as possible.**

Warm Weather Reminders

As a caring school, we value all aspects of safety and during the summer months sun safety is often on the agenda. As we are entering the time of year when the weather may be hot and dry, please remember to send in your child with a sunhat and water bottle each day. In addition, if necessary please put some sunscreen on your child before school. Thank you for your support.



Book People Mobile Book Bus Visit

The bus will be re-visiting us on Friday 28th June and will be with us from 8.30am-4.30pm. All children will be able to visit the bus during the day to look at/purchase books. In addition, the bus will be available for parents to visit with their children after school. It is worth noting that there are facilities on the bus for making bank card purchases.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 24 th May	Break up for half term.
Monday 3 rd June	Return to school
Friday 7 th June	Whole school photo - Tempest
Monday 10 th June- Thursday 13 th June	Year 5 & 6 - Bikeability
Thursday 13 th June	KS1 Summer Sports Festival at Riseley Primary. Children will need a packed lunch, water bottle and trainers for this event please.
Friday 14 th June	Dads in School Day (morning only)
Friday 21 st June	Oak Class Assembly in the hall 9.15am
Monday 24 th June	Mindfulness and Wellbeing Workshops
Friday 28 th June	Book People mobile book bus visit
Thursday 4 th July	Mrs Dunham's Musical End of Year Assembly
Friday 5th July	Sports Day
Monday 8 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 9 th – Thursday 10 th July	Transfer Days Y6 will visit Sharnbrook Academy (if applicable) YR-Y5 will visit their new classes (mornings only)
Thursday 11 th July	Ark Farm Visit (here) – whole school
Friday 12 th – Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 Hilltop Residential
Tuesday 16 th July	Fiddle Fiesta at Sharnbrook Academy
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2pm. Parents/carers of children in Y6 are invited to this assembly.
Friday 19 th July	LAST DAY OF TERM – Please remember that After School Club will finish at 4pm today.

