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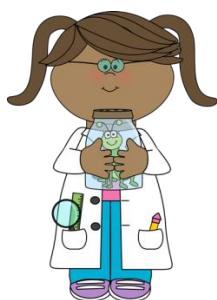


WE ARE SCIENTISTS!

Vicarage Primary School's science week is being held Monday 21st May - Friday 25th May 2018. This is a fun and investigation filled week when children will have the opportunity to focus upon their scientific enquiry skills and experience the awe and wonder of science first hand. This year we will be holding our very first science fair when children will be able to share a scientific project or experiment with their class. There will be prizes awarded for each key stage.

We have amazing science assemblies to start the week off with a bang. The week will end with assemblies on the Friday as a celebration of all the events and the science fair finals. Children in the Early Years will be focusing upon animals and growth and will be experiencing chicks hatching and the metamorphosis of caterpillars. Key stages 1 and 2 children will be focusing on chemistry and physics related activities and will be conducting many experiments throughout the week answering questions such as, 'how can we make the biggest bubble?' and 'what liquid will produce the tallest mentoes volcano?' We will also have a whole school STEM (science technology engineering and mathematics) challenge to enhance the children's problem solving skills.

Please look out for photos and information about the winners in the next newsletter.



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End of Year Assessments

This is a very busy time of year as pupils across the school have their end of year assessments.

Reception (EYFS) - GLD

The Good Level of Development (GLD) is a performance measure used at the end of Reception. Children achieving a good level of development are those achieving at least the expected level within the following areas of learning: communication and language, physical development; personal, social and emotional development, literacy and mathematics.

Year 1 pupils - Phonics Screening Check

Children in Year 1 will be taking part in a phonics screening check during the week beginning 11th June 2018. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before. The phonics screening check is a short, light-touch assessment to confirm whether a child has learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. The checks consist of 40 words and non-words that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with their RWI teacher and Mrs Mihdi-din.

Year 2 pupils - Key stage 1 tests

Your child's teacher is responsible for judging the standards your child is working at in English, maths and science. To help them inform those judgements, pupils will sit national curriculum tests in English and Maths, commonly called SATs.

The tests will be taken during May and for Year 2 pupils are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even know that they are taking them as the teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work the child has completed throughout the year, to help them reach their judgements about progress and attainment at the end of key stage 1.

Year 6 pupils - Key Stage 2 SATs

Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs tests the **week beginning 14th May 2018**. It is **important that children are in school at 8:00am**. The school will provide breakfast from Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May 2018.

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It is important that your child goes to bed early and gets a good night's sleep. All children must attend school during SATs week as they will not be able to re sit any tests they miss.

Monday 14 th May	GPaS Paper (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling)
Tuesday 15 th May	Reading Comprehension Paper
Wednesday 16 th May	Arithmetic Paper Reasoning Paper
Thursday 17 th May	Reasoning Paper

Years 1,3,4 and 5 pupils

Children in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 will have their final assessments for English and Mathematics in the week beginning 18th June.

The outcomes of all assessments will be shared in the children's end of year reports which parents will receive before the end of the academic year.

School Tuck Shop

Vicarage Primary School councillors are very excited to open our first ever tuck shop in school. Our "Healthy Hub" is going to offer delicious, mouth-watering snacks which will be available to buy at break time. We will offer a range of snacks that include dried fruits, fruit crisps, fruit bars, naturally flavoured raisins, milkshakes and smoothies. All of our tasty treats will be reasonably priced at 50p each. The Tuck Shop will start on Monday 3rd June.

Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

Can we remind parents and carers that:

All children are expected to attend school regularly and on time. We ask you to ensure your child is in school at **8:45am**, as this is the time children are able to gain entry to class. This gives them time to hang up their coat and say hello to their friends and be ready to start learning from the start of the school day, which is **8:55am**. If your child arrives just 5 minutes late each day, they will be missing nearly 16 hours education over the course of a school year. Children arriving late miss important information at the start of the lesson. They are often embarrassed by continual lateness and this can affect their self-esteem. Our school gates are locked promptly at **9:00am**. Children arriving after this time must report to the school office to get their registration mark. You will be asked to provide a reason for your child's lateness.

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Please consider carefully if your child needs to take a day off school. Missing areas of the curriculum will leave gaps in their education which has a negative impact on progress and attainment.

- Make arrangements for travel during school holiday times.
- Where possible, medical appointments should be outside of school hours. You must provide medical evidence to cover such appointments.
- Please contact us if your child is absent.

Children who are persistently late to school or persistently collected late can become a safeguarding concern which may result in a referral to the Local Authority Social Care team.

Dates for your Diary



Friday 11th May - Urdu speaking parents coffee morning from 9:15am-10:00am

Monday 14th May - Year 6 SATs week

Monday 14th May - SEND parents afternoon from 2:00pm-3:00pm - Focus: Sleeping & Eating Issues

Tuesday 22nd May - Lithuanian speaking parents coffee morning from 9:15am-10:00am

Wednesday 23rd May - Class Photos

Wednesday 23rd/Thursday 24th May - Year 5 Production/Sharing Assembly to Parents - 2:00pm

Friday 25th May - Parents coffee morning from 9:15am-10:00am

Friday 25th May - Last day of Term 5

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June - Half Term break - school closed

Monday 4th June - Back to School - Term 6



Mrs S Khan
Head Teacher