



# Headlines

Summer Term Week 1

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## Welcome back

We've had a lovely first week back in school, it's been great to see your children again and the staff have worked hard to plan exciting learning experiences. Our new fencing around the butterfly garden is great and we are planning further developments for the Key Stage 2 playground as the year goes on.

## A busy term ahead!

When I flicked through the diary for this term I realised what a huge amount we have to do this term! Some of it great fun (sports day, summer fair, Y6 performance) some of it a little more tricky (KS1 SATs, KS2 SATs and Y1 phonics check)! Dates for the term come with today's Headlines. Please note a change of day for Sports Day - now on Thursday 23rd May this year. We were struggling to fit it in alongside KS1 SATs and KS2 SATs in this very short half term.

## Class Photographs

You should all have now received your class photograph proof and order form. The return deadline for your orders is Tuesday 14 May. Any orders received after this date will have to be returned by yourselves for you to order direct from Tempest.

## Year 6 SATs Breakfast Club

Year 6 SATs Breakfast club will run from Mon - Thurs of SATs week (13th - 16th May). Year 6 children are welcome to come to school from 8:20 for a relax and some toast, prior to their tests. The children need to come through the main entrance to the hall. It is not compulsory!

## Gardening work

Our talented Mrs Pearson coordinates not just all the cooking work in school but also the growing and planting we do. She is asking if any of you have any veg plants or flowers plants going spare, we have a lovely space at the back of the butterfly garden to fill and are looking for donations.

## Applegate Properties

You may have seen on Facebook the exciting competition that we have been asked to take part in. The children are being asked to design a new 'for sale' board for the company that will then be used to advertise their house sales. They are completing their designs in school with Mrs Bartholet. There are prizes for the three winners and school will receive £20 for each house they put on the market in May, June and July. Please see the letter that has been sent home today.

## Coffee Morning

Parents are welcome to join Mrs Wimpenny and Mrs Allen next Thurs 9th May at 9am for a drink and a chat. A chance to ask questions, seek some help, or just meet other parents!

## Testing this term

They say English school children are the most tested in the world....

Year 1 will be completing a Phonics Check in the week beginning 10th June.

Year 2 will be taking some SATs in their classes during the month of May, they will take 2 reading tests, 2 maths tests and a spelling and grammar test. The results of these tests will inform the Teacher Assessment of the children.

Year 6 will be doing their SATs in the week beginning 13th May. Results will come back in July.

Finally, the children in Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will be doing some internal tests to monitor their progress in Reading and Maths after the half term.

Phew!

## Office Staffing

Mrs Kinsey is not back at work yet and Mrs Blackham is unable to continue to cover. We welcome Mrs Dale Harley in the front office for the next few weeks. A big thanks to Mrs Blackham for the excellent work she has done covering. She has enjoyed it so much that she wants to come and do some volunteering in school! Miss Sixsmith will be in the office on a Thursday and Friday morning and Mrs Oldham is around on a Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs.

## PSA News

We are planning two fundraising and social events this term. Thursday May 16th is the summer disco, with the usual arrangements. FS/KS1 from 6:15 to 7:15pm. KS2 from 7:30 to 8:30pm. The event costs £3 including drinks, sweets and crisps. We are, as usual, asking for parent helpers at both discos. There's an event on Facebook and you can sign up there or let the office know you can help.

The annual Summer Fair takes place on Fri 5th July at 6pm. We REALLY need lots of people to help at the fair. Please come along to the next PSA meeting on Mon 20th May at 6.30pm in school to help to plan. We need to raise plenty of money to make the next phase of our KS2 Playground developments happen.

### **Shining Stars**

It's a funny 4 week term with 2 closure days, we have decided to change the Shining Stars a little. This half term it will be called Shining Creative Stars. Most of the winners will be chosen by Mrs Bartholet and Mrs Harrison from the art and dance work they do with Y1 to Y6. The date of the assembly will Wed 22nd May at 2:35pm. If your child is a Creative Shining Star you will be invited to the assembly.

### **Community Event**

On Saturday 4th May Friends of Meltham Library will be running a Lego session between 10.30am and 12pm in the community room at the Carlile Institute. It is a free session with no need to book. Children just need to come along with an adult. Creations will be displayed in the library.

### **Meltham Scarecrow Festival**

If you see any sheep roaming around Meltham this weekend I think Little Bo Peep has lost them....I hope you will support this community event on Mon 6th May and look out for our very own scarecrow.

### **Neiley Races**

It was wonderful to see the effort that our runners put in at the first race. I am always impressed by the children that are not natural athletes but run round the course with such a positive attitude. Their achievements are just as great as the children winning! Some standout performances and we will share results as soon as we have them. Well done to Declan in Y6 for cruising round way ahead in first place. It was lovely to see the great support that the staff gave the children too, thanks to them for coming along.

The second race of the series is on Wed 8th May at the same time. See you there!

### **KS1 Awards assembly**

Please send in trophies, certificates, badges for the assembly on Thurs 9th May at 2:35pm

### **New Starters**

We are pleased that 60 children have been offered a place in Reception for Sept 2019. If you have been offered a place for your child you should have received a letter from the school inviting you to the New Starters' Meeting on Wed 15th May at 7:30pm in the school hall. We will be sharing class lists and information about induction at the meeting.

### **Next Week's Events**

Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday Meltham Scarecrow Festival
Tues 7th May	Class 9 Music workshop
Wed 8th May	Year 3 Hand to Mouth Godly Plays
	Second Neiley Races
Thurs 9th May	9am Coffee Morning for parents
	Year 3 Local walk
	2:35pm KS1 Awards Assembly