

Dear parents and carers,

I think we were all a little confused to be in school on Monday this week but it was good to return back to our usual routine and have a full week in school. Our Year 2 children have worked their socks off this week on their secret agent tests. They have enjoyed having breakfast together and the small treats to help them think. We are really proud of them. I would also like to thank all of the staff who have supported the SATS this week as it involves an epic production of toast making, timetable changes, limited use of the hall and extensive marking. We are now in the process of moderating our assessments and finalising our teacher judgements. Results will be shared with parents in the end of year reports.

On Monday we received a very exciting delivery of 10 hen eggs. They hatched on Wednesday this week and the children are very excited to see the chicks develop over the next two weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience the Lifecycle and demonstrate their respect and care for living things.



Learning Walks

This week I have visited all classes as part of our learning walk to observe teaching and learning in action. Craig Brown our School Improvement lead joined me on the learning walk and I am pleased to report that we observed consistent teaching of phonics across the school. I enjoyed seeing the recent training our Pre-School practitioners received a few weeks ago in action and the children learning to isolate initial sounds at the beginnings of words. Children in Reception were able to tell me what a digraph (two letters one sound) and a trigraph (three letters one sound) are. Our children in KS1 were confident in the lesson structure and knew exactly what they needed to do and demonstrated they could use and apply their phonics well. We are now looking at our next step in phonics and will be updating our action plan accordingly.

Year 1 mixing of classes

Year 1 parents please remember to send the letter about mixing of classes back by **Friday 25th May**. Any letters received after this date will not be considered. If you need a replacement form please contact the school office.

Dates for your diary

Friday 26 th May	End of term
12 th June – 16 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week
Thursday 6 th July pm Friday 7 th July am	Year 2 Concert Performances
Monday 10 th July	Reports sent home
Tuesday 11 th July	Children visiting new classes

Sun Safety

Hopefully the warm weather will arrive soon. Staff in school are not able to apply sun cream on children, please apply sun cream in the morning before school. Children are able to bring in sun cream to apply themselves at break and lunchtime, if you wish. Please make sure any sun cream has your child's name on it. Children are also encouraged to bring in a water bottle each day. Bottles need to be named and filled with water, not squash. Children are encouraged to drink from their water bottles at break and at the end of lunchtimes.



One more week to go before half term, next week we will be concluding our amazing animal's topic and preparing for Phonics screening check week.

Take care,

Mrs Holmes