

## Sytchampton Endowed Primary School

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Dear parents,

This is a short but always very busy half term with statutory assessments in year 2 and, this year, in year 6. We have small cohorts in both these year groups and we hope to achieve our target of 80% on or above the expected standard. Year 6 are currently working hard and have embraced our breakfast booster sessions when they can spend time going over the trickier elements of their expectations.

This is also a time when all pupils are assessed to inform our end of year reports and to check the progress that each individual child has made throughout the year. Thank you for all your support in helping preparations run smoothly; we cannot stress enough the importance of good routines and healthy eating.

After half term we have some exciting trips linked to our topics and Key stage 2 will be performing a production of Aladdin. This has been specially written for a primary children and I know that all concerned will fully embrace it.

### **Year 6 assembly**

This year's leavers' assembly will focus on our year 6 and their time in school through a power-point presentation. We will, of course say goodbye to any other pupils leaving us before year 6, and I would appreciate confirmation of this in writing. This year we are pleased to report that all of our current Year 4 children will be staying with us to move into Eagles class. Goodbyes to any other leavers will be said after the year 6 presentation.

### **Pioneer Centre**

Good luck to the year 4 pupils who are looking forward to the challenges at the Pioneer centre this week. They will have an action packed time and will enjoy being outdoor and adventurous. Thank you to Miss Symonds and Miss Hopkins for supporting this trip and I will be popping over to see them in the evening.

### **Summer Uniform and Sun protection**

At last the weather is warming up and it is lovely to see the girls in their red checked dresses. For the older children short sleeve shirts can be worn, and on hot days blazers and ties can be removed. Some boys also choose to wear grey shorts. Can I remind you that sensible, school appropriate footwear is appreciated. Trainers are not part of our uniform, but as part of a PE Kit they can be put on at lunchtime. Other items not part of our uniform include large hair accessories, nail varnish and items of jewellery.



Can we also ask that PE kit stays in school all week so that we can take advantage of the good weather, particularly when practicing for sports day. We also have school caps available with extra sun protection. We advise that a long lasting sun cream is put on at home but children can bring their own in to put on themselves. The children are very aware of our ' **slip, slap, slop**' slogan for sun protection.

#### **P.T.A**

Please support our PTA to make our summer events a huge success: **Family Race night, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 5-7pm and Summer Fete, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. A great deal of work goes into organising these social events for parents, friends and staff. I cannot thank the PTA enough for the support they have given me over the last 4 years: they fund many of the extras which **all** children benefit from. For example: our email and text system, new laptops, Christmas trip and Easter prizes, outdoor pirate ship, leaver's party. We are currently fundraising for more computers and the further development of our forest school area. The PTA is at the heart of our small village school community – but it's success depends on you and your donations really help Sytchampton to move forward when school budgets are so tight.

#### **Job vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a children's play leader (15 hours per week) to support at lunch-time and after school club. The details are on the e.teach website at <https://www.eteach.com/microsite/jobdetails.aspx?vacno=763861&Page=1> or from the school office with a closing date of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **.....AND FINALLY**

I am delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted as a finalist for the Worcester News Education Awards in the category of 'Primary School of the Year'. The awards are announced on 14<sup>th</sup> June. I am so thrilled that in our first year as a primary school **everyone's (children, parents, staff and governors)** hard work and contribution has been recognised and our ethos of 'ready, steady, grow' holds firm!

Thank you for your continued support,

*Sharon Williams.*

Head teacher