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Dear parents,

This is a short but always very busy half term with statutory assessments in year 2 and in year 6. In year 2 the final results are teacher assessed, the test papers serve to inform these results and are not externally marked. Year 6 are currently working hard and have embraced our breakfast booster sessions where they spend time going over the trickier elements of the papers. Their tests in Maths and English are externally marked. We are aiming for a target of 80% on or above the expected standard with 30% well above.

Thank you for all your support in helping preparations run smoothly; we cannot stress enough the importance of good routines and healthy eating and particularly attendance next week and the week of Year 6 SATs, w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May.

After half term we have some exciting trips linked to our topics and Key stage 2 will be performing a production of 'Cinderella Rockerfella'. This has been specially written for a primary children (same company as our successful Aladdin) and I know that all concerned will fully embrace it. Performances will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm.

### Pioneer Centre

Good luck to the year 4 pupils who are looking forward to the challenges at the Pioneer centre next week. They will have an action packed time and will enjoy being outdoor and adventurous. Thank you to Mrs Lawson and Miss Gilmour 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 we will advise them when 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.

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 from the school office (£5 each) for 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.



## **New Intake**

It is wonderful to have so many siblings joining us in September (we have a full intake of 15) and after half term we will have our induction afternoon and visits for new pupils. Home visits will also be arranged in July. Our transition week for all pupils to spend time in their new classes will be w/c 9<sup>th</sup> July in line with the transfer dates for year 6 to Stourport High School.

## **Leavers**

This year we have no children leaving in year 4 and we hope to gain two new pupils in year 5. All classes will be at capacity and we hope to have over 100 pupils in September. Our Year 6 leavers are moving on: 4 have gained places at private schools ( 3 scholarships), 7 to Stourport HS, 2 to Chantry, 1 to Westacre in year 7 and 1 to Pershore.

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

Please support our PTA to make our summer events a huge success: **Family Race night, Friday 18th May 5-7pm and summer fete, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June**. A great deal of work goes into organising these social event for parents, friends and staff. I cannot thank the PTA enough for the support they given me over the last 5 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.

The PTA is at the heart of our small village school community – but its success depends on you and your donations really help Sytchampton to move forward when school budgets are so tight.

## **Volunteers please?**

Now that the weather is improving, our gardening club would like to make full use of the raised beds in the garden area, but they need a lot of work to get them ready for planting. If there are any keen gardeners amongst our parents or grandparents who could spare a little time to help us then please let Mrs Bishop know. Many thanks

I would like to thank staff for all their hard work and your support and positive contribution; our ethos of 'ready, steady, grow' holds firm!

Thank you,

*Sharon Williams.*

Head teacher