

14th May 2018

Dear Parents

Stars of the Week	w/c 14.5.18
N(am)- Mohammad Ibraheem	N(pm) – Zoya
RM - Amira	RW – Maryam
1B - Selina	1DM – Saud
2A – Aqsa	2F – Anisa
3H - Ignacy	3Y – Laura
4B – Shanze	4SH - Musa
5D – Jathusan	5M – Laura
6D – Ibrahim	6M – Zoya
PLM - Freya	



Attendance & Punctuality	w/c 8.5.18
Attendance Target for every child = 97+%	
Best Attendance ☺	6D 100%
Best Punctuality ☺	4B & 5D
Class that needs to improve their attendance	RW & 1DM 94%
Class that needs to improve their punctuality	3Y & 6D

1DM's Assembly

We were alive with bees, butterflies and flowers during 1DM's Assembly on Friday. The children looked amazing in a whole variety of bright colours. They shared their current topic on Growing. It was obvious that they had enjoyed learning so many facts about how seeds and plants grow with all the correct scientific vocabulary too!

The songs about plant growth and dances were lovely! Their trip to St James Park to go on a mini-beast trail looked such a fun time! The children shared their fantastic work within the classroom – the art and ICT work was really good. At the end they shared their amazing Research Projects that had been completed at home with the support of their parents. Thank you parents for your support with this. It is such a valuable thing to do!

Poor Miss McFarlane was unable to be with her class to lead the assembly as she was unwell. But what I know is that she would have been very proud of their achievements last Friday! It would cheer her up enormously!

Here is confirmation of how impressive the children and adults were:

- 'The assembly was fantastic!'
- '1DM did an amazing job as always. Well done 1DM!'
- 'We have learnt about plants and flowers. Very educational and interesting. Well done to all!'
- 'Fantastic...like always...Well done! Loved the homework projects!'



A huge thank you to The Friends of South Grove!

At the end of our whole school assembly on Friday, Liz Pepler, the Treasurer of The Friends of South Grove presented the school with a cheque for **£1,000**. This is money that has been raised through events such as The Summer Fair, Film Nights and Raffles.

This money will be spent on developing the resources required for Key Stage 1, Years 1 and 2, with their changing educational provision including the development of outdoor resources.



This has been a generous donation and does illustrate how important it is to support any fund raising through school events as the money will be very well used and is invaluable in this present climate of school budgets being very limited.

We will share the items purchased with you in due course when the Key Stage 1 and myself prioritise the equipment that we wish to buy. This will be during the second half of the Summer Term or early Autumn Term.

Why not join Friends of South Grove and be part of further fundraising events. Their next Coffee and Planning meeting is on **24th May at 8.45am**. Please come along we will be talking about the Summer Fair – any amount of help you can offer will be great. The more the merrier!

Good Luck and our very best wishes to all Year 6 pupils and staff!

By the time parents read this the children will have already completed their Grammar, Punctuation and spelling paper. So just to wish all Good luck to Year 6 in their SATs this week. They started today, **Monday 14th May** and continue until Thursday 17th May. Parents, it will support your child if you encourage a little revision each evening, ready for each day of their tests. This needs to be followed by a little relax and early to bed so that they feel refreshed and ready to go for the next day.

As always we have tried to organise the tests so that the children feel as comfortable as possible and familiar with the adults that have supported them all year.

Please remember that we are offering the children breakfast each morning at 8:00am. This will help to settle them for the day and be an opportunity for staff to spend time with them. If they do not come then please ensure that they are in school by 8:30am to ensure they have time to settle to their day before they take their tests. If there are any concerns please contact your child's class teacher, Ms Spain or myself.

Please Notice This



Please note that, until Friday, the pedestrian gate in Ringwood Road will be kept **closed between 8.50am and 3.05pm**. This is so that the children are not disturbed in the mobile classrooms where the tests are taking place. Please use the alleyway to the right of the entrance down to Camden Road where the gates will be open.



It's a Girl!

I am delighted to announce that Ms Goddard is now the proud mother of a baby girl. I know you will join us in sending congratulations to Ms Goddard and in wishing every happiness to her daughter.

Mrs Jen McKay will start as Interim Senco on Monday 21st May and she will join everyone at the Inclusion Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 22nd May at 8.45am**. All parents and carers of children with additional needs are welcome.

Royal Wedding Lunch - Wednesday 23rd May 2018

We are having a Royal Wedding celebration picnic lunch on **Wednesday 23rd May** (outside if the weather is good). We would love all the children to **come to school dressed for a Royal Wedding** and to bring **£1.00** to raise money for the school for reading books.

As usual with our celebratory lunches, children who are usually packed lunch can change on this day. Just book at the office.



California Chilli Chicken Wrap
or
Regal Grated Cheese & Cucumber Baguette

Pom Bear Snacks

Royal Wedding Organic Lemon & Elderflower Cup Cake
Kensington Gardens Fresh Fruit Selection

Juice to 'toast'



Violin, Clarinet, Flute & Oboe Lessons



At South Grove we offer violin, clarinet, flute and oboe lessons, taught by visiting tutors from Waltham Forest Music Service. Children are taught in small groups, usually after school, and lessons are paid for by parents at the cost of approximately £80 per term (for those experiencing difficulty in paying there may be a subsidy available depending on circumstances). You do not have to buy an instrument as these can be hired per term from Waltham Forest Music Service for a small charge. Other children who have been learning in the past 1 or 2 years have made excellent progress, benefitting from this specialist small-group tuition, and many are already taking grade 1 or 2 exams in their instruments.



If you are interested in violin, clarinet, flute or oboe lessons, please come along to a brief meeting on **Wednesday 6th June at 3.20pm** to find out about this opportunity in more detail with Miss Matthews, Subject Leader for Music and Performing Arts.

Nursery Spaces and Open Sessions

There are still some spaces available for September. If you would like to visit the Nursery we have some open sessions coming up but these must be booked at the office as numbers are limited.

Wednesday 6 th June	9.45am – 10.45am	or	1.15pm - 2.15pm
Monday 11 th June	9.45am – 10.45am	or	1.15pm - 2.15pm
Friday 15 th June	9.45am – 10.45am	or	1.15pm - 2.15pm

Walk to School Week 2018

This year's Walk to School Week runs from Monday 21 to Friday 25 May!

Join thousands of children across the country celebrating the benefits of walking. Challenge yourself to walk at least a mile each day (only 20 minutes) to collect your golden stars!

Less than half of primary school children currently walk to school, yet we know that it makes you feel happier and healthier and helps to reduce congestion and pollution outside the school gates.

We want to see every child that can, walk to school!

Walk one mile each day and collect your super walking stars...

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

For full event details visit enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/walkingmonth

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And finally...

There will be no Playtime! Playgroup on Tuesday morning this week due to SATs. It will be back on the following week.

with my very best wishes,

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher

See below for a letter to Year 6
from their proud teachers.....

Dear Year 6 children,

This week you will be sitting your SATs tests for maths, reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling. We know how hard you have worked but there is something very important you need to know: The SATs test does not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not in the way that your families do.

They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them; that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy. They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your very best.

The scores you will get on the test will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! So while you are preparing for the test and in the midst of it all, remember there is no way to 'test' all the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU!

You have all worked incredibly hard this year and we are very proud of you.

Miss Marable, Miss Dhesi, Mrs Perna, Ms Maltwood and Ms Spain