

Fishbourne C E Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer term and your child's final term at Fishbourne Primary School! Our eldest fish have a busy few weeks ahead and this letter is intended to ensure that you are fully informed of all that we are up to. Please do note down the important dates and get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Trashion Show

To celebrate our spring term learning on Globalisation and Fast Fashion, the children will be presenting a Trashion Show on **Friday 26th April at 9:15am**. You are warmly welcome to attend and watch your child strut their homemade recycled costume. They will be reading parts of their powerful speeches written last term and ensuring their voices are heard, making the world a better place to be.

Heart to Heart

We will start the summer term with this science based learning experience. We will gain knowledge to answer our big question: How do an animal's living systems work together to maintain a healthy body? Our learning will start with a hook into learning provided by Chichester College at their science laboratory. Our learning will provide opportunities for scientific enquiry and for carrying out planned experiments. Our end goal will be to create an explanation text focused on the circulation system.

Date of Visit

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| Tuesday 16 th April Chichester College Science Department | Please drop off your child to school by 8:30am please. |
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National Curriculum KS2 Tests

Revision for the Statutory Attainment Tests, administered in May, will start this week. These tests give a measure of your child's attainment at the end of their Primary Education and reflect their knowledge and skills gained in KS2. They provide important information to secondary schools about how best to support your child on the next phase of their education into KS3. The tests cover all learning throughout KS2 and so much of our revision will focus on concepts taught in Years 3, 4 and 5.

Your child's homework will consolidate their understanding. **Please do support your child with these tasks. It is also vital to keep up with times tables quizzing and to read daily.**

Dates of Assessments

Please ensure your child is in school for 8:30 where we will have a drink and a light snack each morning.

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| Monday 13 th May | English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) 45mins and 2 (spelling) 20mins |
| Tuesday 14 th May | English reading paper 60 mins |
| Wednesday 15 th May | Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) 30 mins and 2 (reasoning) 40 mins |
| Thursday 16 th May | Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning) 40mins |

A horror writing focus

The Penguin's love horror writing and so we will be using the animation 'Francis' to inspire writing a prequel. Written by novelist & screenwriter Dave Eggar, for the ever-popular radio show This American Life, animated film Francis is the tense tale of the unexplained happenings on a lake in the middle of an Ontario nature reserve. This will be an opportunity for the children to independently showcase all of their KS2 writing skills and for this piece of writing to join the collection of work your child has created this year.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

After half term, rehearsals will increase as we prepare for our end of year summer production! Please support your child in learning their lines so that they shine with confidence and pride. Further details will follow about individual rehearsals, which will be planned for before and after school.

Habitats

This will be our final learning experience of the school year and will give us opportunities to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather. Our learning will focus on recognising that living things can be grouped in a variety of different ways, exploring and using classification. We will learn to recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. We will be planning an offsite visit to Arundel Wetlands Trust. Further details to follow.

Design Technology

Our end goal will be to design and make a product to sell at the school fete this year. We will be using our skills of combining different fabric shapes to make 'bags for life'. Be sure to buy yours on the day!

PSHCE

What are drugs and how do they impact on our health? In this learning experience we will learn that all medicines are drugs, but not all drugs are medicines. We will discuss vocabulary they may have heard and we discuss peer pressure. We discuss drugs in their widest form and the impacts of them on our health and wellbeing they may have heard and we discuss peer pressure. We discuss drugs in their widest form and the impacts of them on our health and society.

Maths and English

Once we have completed our End of KS2 tests, our focus will be to ensure your child is ready for KS3. Bridging units help children to see the natural links between primary and secondary curriculum and to understand that secondary education is about progression, not starting something completely new. My aim is to ensure a smooth progression in your child's learning.

Year 7 Transition

I have started to meet with secondary schools to discuss your child's transition to their next school. You will also receive information from your new school inviting your child to attend key transition events. Please do let me know if you have any questions or concerns about transition arrangements so I can support you.

Bikeability

Your child will take part in Bikeability the week commencing **15th July**. Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. After Bikeability, children are better at responding to risk and report increased confidence. As a result, more children cycle to school, which in turn, improves mental health and wellbeing. Bikeability instructors will come to school to deliver the training. A consent form will follow with more details. All children will need to bring a roadworthy cycle.

A roadworthy cycle has:

- Inflated tyres, as hard as an apple
- Two working brakes
- A well-oiled chain
- A saddle and handlebars fixed on tight

If your child does not own a cycle and you are unable to borrow one, please do let us know straight away.

End of Year Arrangements

The annual Year 6 leavers' service, at Chichester Cathedral is on **26th June** at 10:30. Parents are invited to attend this event, which celebrates alongside other children from schools in the dioceses, this important milestone in their lives. It is important that children look super smart, dressed in full school uniform. School jumpers must be worn – not hoodies and black school shoes – no trainers.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Summer Productions Dates

Dates to follow!

School Leaver's Assembly

This assembly will be an opportunity for our whole school to gather and celebrate our oldest fish leaving our shoal. The children will lead the assembly and you will be invited to attend. Date to follow as soon as possible.

Celebration

Over the years, parents have organised many different activities to send off the Year 6 children. If you could let me know what you would like to do, that would be super so that we can ensure all children are aware of any plans.

With many thanks for your commitment to our school and your child's learning.

With best wishes

Catherine Williams