



Dear Parents and Carers,

Having now entered the month of May, we are now in the middle of formal end of year assessments. Year 6 have finished their SATS last week and I must congratulate all of them on their positive approach to all of the tests. They have displayed wonderful attitude and resilience.

The rest of our children will still be carrying on with assessments next week so please make sure that they are in school and have a good night's sleep to ensure they perform their best.

As well as being a month dedicated to assessments, May is also traditionally dedicated to Mary, Jesus's mother. We will therefore be remembering Mary daily in our prayers and collective Worship. We will also be celebrating a service dedicated to Mary in Church on Friday 24th May at 10.40am. As is traditional, we will process from school into church for this celebration in honour of Our Lady. We will be making flowers to decorate her altar in Church.

Finally, our current whole school attendance is currently just below our school target. May I plead that you do all that you can to ensure maximum attendance for your child(ren) in this last half term, so that we can possibly improve on this before the end of the academic year.

Many thanks.

Mrs Allen

Attendance to date (National Target is 96%)

N - 94.6%	RC - 95.2%	RM - 95.3%
1Ha - 97.1%	1Hu - 97.2%	2BH - 95.9%
2W - 96.3%	3H - 96.2%	3Mc - 96.0%
4AD - 96.5%	4T - 96.4%	5L - 94.6%
5W - 95.5%	6B - 96.1%	6OK - 95.5%

Don't forget:-

24th May—1HA Class Assembly 9am & 9:20am
17th June—French Day
19th June—Year 2 Zoo Trip
21st June—RC Assembly 9am & 9:20am

Nursery

We have had a lovely time in Nursery learning about The Zoo and Wild Animals. We have enjoyed reading Dear Zoo and have been thinking about the characteristics of the different animals. We have also been doing a lot of measuring!!

Next, we are going to be planting some seeds so we can watch them grow. Then we will be learning all about minibeasts and insects. Don't forget to join us for our Minibeasts sing-song on 2nd and 4th July at 2.30pm.



Reception

Can't believe we are entering our last term in Reception! How quickly the time has gone!

Our topic this half term is Animal Crackers. We will be talking about our Pets and having a visit by a dog groomer. Our school dog Teddy will also be dropping by.

We will be looking at animal life cycles as well as working dogs such as police dogs and farm dogs.

We will be using our 'bug hotel' in the reception garden to look for mini beasts and ladybirds. During this half term, we will be taking a trip to Blackpool zoo, more details to follow-can't wait!

As always please ensure all items of clothing are **named** and that your child can dress and undress by themselves. Keep learning the 'tricky words' in the little red book and practising good pencil grip and correct letter formation at home.

Year 1

Wow! Half term already!

We have been busy this term learning about our local heroes and what makes someone a hero. This has given the children the opportunity to create some wonderful work in their books and the computers.

The Phonics Screening Check will be completed the first week back after half term so please continue to read with your child every night. We will send home another booklet with a list of nonsense words your child **SHOULD** be able to read.

Thank you again for your support,
Mr Hardwick and Mrs Hulme :)

Year 2

What a busy start to the half term it has been already! Whilst we are continuing with our Science Investigation topic we have begun to learn all about the Wright Brothers and the first flight. We think this has inspired some of the children as during 'Careers and Aspirations Week' we know that we can be anything that we want to be! Our message is Reach for the Stars' and even if it is tricky don't ever give up! The children have thought about their future careers and the talents they have to share. Check out our Twitter Page to see some of the things we have talked about.

We would like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support especially during this busy month of May, if you have any questions about anything please do not hesitate to ask!

Thank you

Emma Hornby

Year 2 Class Teacher/SLE for Phonics - English Hub

Year 3

Welcome to the final term-Summer already! We can't believe that we are almost at the end of the academic year. Once again, thanks so much for all your sponsorship contributions. As a year group, we raised in excess of £600. This money will be going to our chosen charity- CAFOD. This children had so much fun and it proved it be a successful way of raising funds.

We will be spending this half term revising skills taught this year and will start preparing for our transition in to Year 4. We have started reading a new novel in our English lessons-' The Adventures of Alfie Onion'. Ask your child to tell you all about it!

This is a very short half term but it still feels like there is lots to do! There are currently no upcoming events, but keep your eyes peeled for any events that may arise in the next half term.

Miss McElhinney & Mr Horton

Year 4

The start of the summer term has been a success in Year 4! We have FINALLY completed our class novel of 'Why the whales came' by Micheal Morpurgo, it certainly pulled on the heart strings. The children have completed leaflets and even written their own endings.

They have also been working hard on their maths skills and trying to improve their arithmetic scores each week. The Fit2Go programme, which was ran by Blackpool Community Trust, was great fun and the children thoroughly enjoyed the Fit2Go Festival at the football ground. Next half term we have sports day and other events to look forward to, more news on that to follow. All year 4 staff would like to thank you for your continued support.

Miss Talbot, Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Acton.

Year 5

Year 5 have made a super start to the Summer term. We thoroughly enjoyed last week's Primary Futures event. This got us thinking about our futures and possible career choices. From footballers to Astronauts, from Youtubers to Dance teachers there were so many ideas discussed when we thought about our dream jobs.

We have now begun our new topic on Ancient Greece where we will be learning all about how the Greeks lived and how their lifestyles impacted on today's society.

In Literacy, we have started reading 'Wonder' as our new class reader, which we are really enjoying at the moment. We will continue with this story throughout the summer term.

5L will be visiting Stanley Park on Friday 24th May in the morning for some different outdoor activities. 5W's Stanley Park visit will be on 28th June.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Wills and Mr Lord.

Year 6

Although this is a short half-term, it is a busy one. The children worked hard preparing for their End of Key Stage 2 Assessments whilst still enjoying other areas of the curriculum. They are partaking in Track and Field events in P.E, continuing to learn about the Vikings in History and also collaging Viking Shields in Art/D.T as well as revising many areas of Science. The children visited Stanley Park on Monday 20th May to complete the High Ropes, enjoy Crate Building and join in with other sporting activities.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

Miss O'Keefe, Mr Duffy and Mrs Bennett

Year 6 Class Teacher

SPORTS DAY/PE KIT

Please ensure that your child has full PE kit in school at all times.

There are a number of sporting events after the next half term.

Parents are welcome to support.

19th June—Nursery & Reception (St. John Vianney School Field 9:30-11:30)

4th July—KS2 Sports Day (Stanley Park Arena 9:30-12:30)

8th July— Year 1 & 2 (Stanley Park All Weather Pitches 10:00-12:00)

