

Hatfield Heath Primary School Weekly Bulletin

26th April 2019

Message from Mrs Gelston

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school this week – they all look refreshed and rested after a longer than usual Easter holidays. I hope everyone had a lovely time and got to enjoy some of the glorious weather we were lucky enough to have.

This half term is a particularly busy term for pupils in Years 2 and 6 as they have their national SATs tests. Lots of work has gone into preparing the children for these tests at school and at home and I think we will all be pleased to get them completed.

A Few Reminders for the Summer Term

As we start the new term, we thought it would be helpful to remind parents/ carers of the following:

1. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school everyday as they may take part in activities on days other than their usual PE day.
2. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled clearly so that if they are left in the playground (usually jumpers, cardigans and hats) they can be returned.
3. Please ensure dinner money is paid and kept up to date to avoid letters chasing you for payment.
4. Telephone the school in the morning if your child is absent.
5. Requests for holidays will not be authorised.

Sun Safety Advice from the NHS

Dr James Booth explains how best to protect your little ones from the sun.

Children love playing outdoors especially in the sunshine but if you don't protect their skin you could be risking their health. A moderate amount of sunshine is good for all of us. It provides essential vitamin D, which we need for good health, it improves our mood and helps promote better sleep. However, too much sun can be damaging. So protecting your child from the sun not only prevents painful sunburn but also reduces their risk of developing skin cancer later in life.



But how do you stay safe and still enjoy the sun?

Unpredictable weather often makes us forget about sunscreen. But even if it's cloudy or overcast your child can still burn. So it's worth getting into the habit of applying a sunscreen before your child goes out to play.

Try to encourage your child to stay in the shade when the sun's rays are at their strongest – usually between 11am and 3pm. If their skin is exposed to too much sun at peak times it can cause sunburn or heatstroke and increase the likelihood of cancer.

Apply a sunscreen that protects against harmful UVA and UVB rays. A sunscreen with a sun protection factor [SPF] of 50 gives the best protection. Use a waterproof sunblock on delicate areas such as the shoulders, ears, nose and cheeks and always re-apply sunscreen after towelling.

Your child's shoulders and neck are the most common areas for sunburn. So it's important to keep them covered with loose clothing such as a baggy t-shirt with sleeves and a floppy hat that shades their face and neck. Don't forget their eyes too. Protect them with sunglasses that meet the British Standard (BSEN 1836:2005) and carry the "CE" mark.

Class Photographs – Wednesday 8th May

Class photographs will be taken on Wednesday 8th May. Please ensure children come to school in neat and tidy uniform on the day. Thank you.

New School Uniform Supplier

The school has decided to introduce another supplier of school uniform. This is to ensure parents have a choice of who to use along with our current supplier. The new supplier is 'MyClothing' – please use the following link to access their website to order uniform: <https://myclothing.com/>. An additional bonus of using this supplier is that the school receives a 5% cash donation for all uniform purchased.

Essex Bikeability

Since the beginning of the year Essex Bikeability have been coming into school to work with the older children to teach them how to ride their bikes safely when out and about. This week, for the first time, Year 4 got to complete the Level 1 training in school, spending time riding their bikes in the playground – well done to the children who took part.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 8 th May	Class Photographs
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 22 nd May	6.30pm - Year 3 & 4 Performance Poetry Event for Parents/ Carers
Thursday 23 rd May	2.15pm – Year 3 & 4 Performance Poetry Event for Parents/ Carers
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day – No pupils in school
Saturday 8 th June	PFA Summer Fayre
Monday 10 th June – Friday 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Friday 14 th June	PFA Father's Day Secret Presents Room
Monday 24 th June – Friday 28 th June	Sports Week
Wednesday 26 th June	6.30pm - Year 5 & 6 Play for Parents/ Carers
Thursday 27 th June	6.30pm - Year 5 & 6 Play for Parents/ Carers
Monday 1 st July – Friday 5 th July	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 10 th July	Sports Day for Whole School – more information about this will come
Monday 22 nd July	1.30pm - Year 6 Leavers Graduation Assembly
Wednesday 24 th July	Last Day of Term