



May 2019 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

SATs

We would like to wish good luck to all the children taking part in Standardised Tests this week. We know you will all do your best and make yourselves very proud!

Sports Week

Our Sports week is booked for the week commencing Monday 20th May. We have lots of fun activities organised throughout the week to encourage all children to enjoy sports, get healthy and, of course, take part in a little competition for each year group to finish. We hope that parents and friends can come along again this year to cheer the children on as they undertake their sports challenges.

This year we are holding a whole school sports day event on Friday 24th May, starting promptly at 1.00pm. The school grounds will be set up in stations so that children are able to participate in every event so they will be constantly on the go! We aim to have finished the events and announced the winners by home time at which point you may take your child home. Please ensure that your child/ren are wearing their team colours, appropriate footwear for sports, a drinks bottle, sun cream and a hat if sunny or a waterproof coat if it's raining. If the weather is going to be particularly bad with very heavy rain forecast then we will postpone the event to next half term.

We are also taking part in the 'Walk to School' week starting Monday, 20th May. We will be doing a special assembly and hope as many families as possible will make a special effort to travel to school on foot.

Competitions

We have organised several competitions for the children which will run over the course of the whole summer term instead of our usual half a term. This is due to the number of classes taking part in assessments in May and will ensure that they have the opportunity to take part. Our competitions are:

Writing - Healthy packed lunch menu

Children have been asked to design a week's healthy packed lunch menu as part of our 'Phunky Foods' work. They can present their five day menu in any way they wish, for example: as a poster; leaflet; recipe book etc.

Art - Portrait

Inspired by the television programme 'Portrait Artist of the Year', we are holding our own 'Portrait Artist' competition this term. Children have been asked to paint a portrait which can be of themselves, a family member, someone famous or could even be an animal. The choice is theirs but the portrait has to be painted to be entered into the competition.

Science – Wildlife area

As part of our outdoor learning project, and to support Year 4 and 5 children's work with the National Trust, we are asking children to design a wildlife area that can support their learning in Science. The focus can be on learning about habitats, life cycles, plants, healthy lifestyles and growing food etc.

The closing date for the competitions is Monday 15th July and the winners will be announced on Friday 19th July 2019

Staffing

We would like to wish Mrs O'Reilly all the very best as she starts her maternity leave next half term (June 17th). We will be looking out for the exciting news of her new arrival from the beginning of July. Good luck to all the O'Reilly family, we will be thinking of you!

We would also like to wish Mrs Walton all the very best for when she leaves us at the end of the term. A huge thank you to her for all her hard work and the enthusiasm she has shown over the past 19 years. We are very sad to say goodbye to her and will miss her greatly but we do know she will visit us frequently to check all is well. Best wishes Mrs Walton!

We will be welcoming back Mrs Irving on July 10th, when she will be returning from her maternity leave. She's had a wonderful year with her baby boy George but is now looking forward to getting back to school and working with the fabulous children we have here at St Bees.

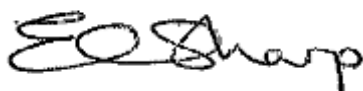
Library

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Smartie Challenge. Work has already started on the library thanks to Alan, Phil and Claire and it's beginning to look great! We can't wait to get it finished and start enjoying our new library in September.

Diary Dates

Monday, 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs begin
Thursday 16 th May	Get Active Phunky Foods session
Monday, 20 th May	Sports Week begins
Tuesday, 21 st May	Y4 Residential Meeting for Parents
Friday, 24 th May	School Closes for Half Term – 3.15pm
Monday 3rd June	School opens
Wednesday 5 th June	Y6 Residential to Edinburgh
Friday 7 th June	Zoolab day for whole school
Monday 10 th June	Y6 return from residential
Tuesday 18 th June	Phonics Screening check week for Y1
Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Week Reserve
Wednesday 26 th June	Y3 Parent Assembly @ 2.45pm
Friday 28 th June	Y4 Parent Assembly @ 2.45pm
Monday 1 st July	Y3 Residential to Windermere
Tuesday 2 nd July	Y3 return from residential
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y4 Residential to Lockerbie
Monday 8 th July	Y5 & Y6 Summer Play for Parents @ 6.00pm
Tuesday 9 th July	Y5 & Y6 Summer Play for Grandparents and Over 60s @ 1.45pm
Thursday 11 th July	Y5 & Y6 Summer Play for Parents @ 6.00pm
Friday 12 th July	Y6 transition day at Westlakes
Monday 15 th July	Y4 return from residential
Wednesday 17 th July	Phunky Foods Supercrunch Workshops
Thursday 18 th July	Move up Day for all year groups
Friday 19 th July	Reception Open Day
	Phunky Foods Supercrunch Workshops
	Y6 Leavers' Service at The Priory @ 1.30pm
	Cyclewise for Y6 (Monday to Wednesday)
	Leavers' Assembly
	Summer Party Day with picnic lunch on the field
	School closes for the summer holidays @ 1.30 pm

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Sharp,
Headteacher.