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## Newsletter week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Dear families,

It's been another busy fortnight at Flourish.

Y6 have been amazing this week while sitting their KS2 SATs exams. They have shown great maturity and perseverance. We have had children sitting tests with chicken pox and a broken wrist!

Those who have joined us for breakfast have been great company in the morning (a special mention to Danny for the superman apron!)

Whales class and Y3 were at How Hill last week and Y4 are going next week. Y6 are at Horstead the following week (last week of half term) and just after the half term break, Y5 will be visiting the houses of Parliament!

KS1 will be sitting their KS1 SATs in the next two weeks. (North Elmham 15-19 May and All Saints 22-26 May). Although the children take short 'quizzes' in class, the teacher will make assessment on how well your child(ren) are doing and submit their data to the STA (Standards and Testing Agency).

In Y1, children are teacher assessed on their phonics knowledge and in Y4, children will take an online quiz to test their multiplication knowledge.

With all these assessments, we just ask our children to try their best and not worry about them. It is a way for the government to benchmark how well the children in our federation are achieving and for class teachers to understand what children know now and what they need to know next.

I attach some information to this newsletter from the DfE. If you are concerned about any of these assessments, please do not hesitate in coming in to speak with one of us.

*Victoria McConnell*

## DIARY DATES

### Summer Term:

Residentials: Y3, 4 and 6 throughout May.

KS1 SATs: 15 – 19 May North Elmham. 22 – 26 May All Saints.

Half term: 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Sports day 22<sup>nd</sup> (North Elmham) and 23<sup>rd</sup> (All Saints) June

Reserve: (29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June)

New Teacher day: 12<sup>th</sup> July

School reports to parents: 7<sup>th</sup> July (Y6 reports out 11<sup>th</sup> July with published KS2 SATS data)

Leaver's celebrations: 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Last day of Summer term: 21<sup>st</sup> July.



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## SATs:

### What are SATs?

SATs are national curriculum tests that measure children's academic development. SATs are authored and distributed to schools by the STA (Standards and testing agency).

SATs are taken at the end of each key stage (KS) KS1 – end of Y2, KS2 – end of Y6 and KS3 – end of Y9. In Y2, the children are assessed by their teachers. In Y6 the children will sit their first externally marked tests which are sat in test conditions.

The children are tested on English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and Maths. English writing is teacher assessed.

### VISION poster:

#### Max, Y1 All Saints.

We have the final of our new vision poster (designed by Max in Y1.)

We are happy with the finished result. We hope you like it too!

### We need your help:

#### (Again!)

North Elmham: We are looking at reinstating the garden area so we can develop a school allotment and the children can learn to grow (and eat) their own crops.

All Saints: We continue work to our forest schools/pond area and would like some help in fencing in our camp fire and shed area.

Both schools will be hosting a 'working party' on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Both schools will be open for toilet use and hot drinks and children are welcome (although will remain your responsibility).

Please bring yourself and any tools which may be useful. I will make some bacon sandwiches! Please look out for the information posters.