



Week 3



Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.

10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Dates for your diary

March 16th Y8 Parents' Evening



## Star Pupil of the Week

Week Beginning 27th February 2017

### Year 5

Cameron Tarplee	5JB
Lucy Wright	5LM
Charlie Preece	5CWK
Alfie Ward	5SC

### Year 7

Sam Poulson	7LW
Harry Stevenson	7EN
Izabelle Fletcher	7JW
Ella Williamson	7KM

### Year 6

James Barnett	6SB
Will Jarvis	6AP
Riven Winsper	6LK
Jude Carson	6CA

### Year 8

Libby Bracknall	8SH
Bella Price	8SS
Emily Jones	8RC
Adam Baker	8CWT

## Pupil achievements

Maddie Ross (6CA) had 10" of her hair cut off to donate to the Little Princess Trust to make wigs for children who have been through cancer treatment or illnesses. We are so proud of her and her desire to help others.

## Dinner money payments

Unfortunately, we have recently had a large number of students coming into school not having payment with them for their dinners. This can cause embarrassment and upset for students. If it is a one off, then this isn't an issue as long as parents send in the money the next day as we realise parents are busy and mistakes can happen. However, please can all parents ensure that dinners are paid for regularly, to avoid the school having to raise it as a safeguarding issue with outside agencies? Budget cuts mean that we simply cannot afford to pay for school dinners.

## **Year 5**

Following our Spring 1 data input we will be making some changes to Y5 English groups for a number of weeks. Some children will work on their basic phonics and literacy skills for several weeks should we feel that this will help them make long term progress.

## **Year 6**

### **SATs Special – Y6 only**

We now have only 6 school weeks until the 'dreaded' SATs!! So here is how we are helping our children fully prepare and ensure that they can enter the exams in a relaxed state:

Until the end of the exams the Maths sets are being increased to 6 groups. This means that the groups are smaller and teachers can focus on the misconceptions from the last mock SAT that was taken in February, as well as the second and third papers that are reasoning and problem solving. We are also looking to try to do the same for Literacy.

Question level analysis has taken place so teachers will be focussing on what the children got wrong to plug gaps and practise exam style questions. Children should bring home their question level analysis. If your child can look up weaknesses themselves through Bitesize, Mymaths and spag.com then this will improve their SATs results.

The current Maths team consists of: Mrs Walker, Mr West, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Frost, Miss Cochrane and Mrs Swift.

On Tuesday and Thursday morning Mrs Frost is happy to run SATs revision club 8am-8.30am. If you would like your child to attend please ring/email the school office so that this can be arranged.

Mrs Matthews and Mr. West will also be running lunchtime revision sessions and Mrs Walker will be running extra Maths during the school day to pick up any misconceptions. Please encourage your child to attend lunchtime sessions as much as possible. Mrs Walker will inform children that need to come to her.

Mrs Frost and Mr West will also be running a two day intensive Maths Booster Session for children that are borderline to gaining expected standard prior to the next Mock Sat. Please rest assured that these days will be run so that the Maths is fun with breaks to play Maths games etc. The mental health and confidence of children is paramount to us as a school.

In a similar vein, children may be asked to do extra Literacy rather than other subjects if required over the next few weeks prior to SATS tests and the writing teacher assessment submission.

Please ensure that your child completes their Maths and English homework and that they get enough rest and cuddles/reassurance over the next few weeks.

## **Year 6 Pobble**

What could possibly link wild animals, goosebumps and a rollercoaster?

Why, Pobble of course! On Monday, Year 6 were invited to another set of workshops with the aim of perfecting their writing skills. Each session had a different stimulus and focus and students were guided through the writing process by a Pobble specialist and challenged to structure their compositions in a detailed and engaging way.

Please check out their efforts at Pobble.com. Students would appreciate your constructive comments and don't forget to click the 'like' icon if you have been impressed with a particular composition.



The Bikeability course will be held over two days on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. If your child has registered to do this course, please make sure that they have a helmet and bike with them on those days. Thank you.

### **YEAR 8 ONLY**

#### **Parents' Evening – Year 8 Thursday 16th 4.00pm – 7.00pm**

Year 8 Parents' Evening will be held on the above date. This is your opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers.

The evening will be held in the Hall and the Music room; appointments will be made at five minute intervals. Your child will be responsible for organising your appointments with their teachers. Please return your child's appointment sheet to the Class Teacher; your child will then use this sheet to record your appointments. To ensure your child has adequate time to collect appointments please return the appointment sheet as soon as possible. Your child will then need to pass back to you the sheet prior to the evening. Your child is welcome to attend the evening with you.

Your child's books will be available to view in the Year 8 classrooms so please allow time before or after your appointments to do this.

This Parents' Evening is held in advance of the end of year reports being sent out in the Summer Term. There will not be a formal Parents' Evening following these reports being sent home. We will of course answer any questions that arise when reports are sent out at that time.

## APPOINTMENT SHEET

YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING – Thursday 16th March 2017 (4.00pm – 7.00pm)

Pupil's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

We/I will/will not be attending Year 8 Parents' Evening.

We/I would prefer to see teachers during the ticked time slot, if possible

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Please write the names here of teachers you would like to see:-

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### ACTUAL APPOINTMENTS – (for teacher use only)

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