

Brunswick Park Primary School e-Newsletter 13

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May's value is Democracy

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you were able to enjoy a relaxing Easter holiday during which there was actually some good weather – unlike now! It is wonderful to see the children again, and they have settled back into their school routines extremely well. As you know, children and staff in Years 1, 2 and 6 are working very hard to prepare for statutory assessments. Pupils in Year 1 will undertake a phonics screening check in June, Year 2 teachers are collecting evidence of children's attainment and progress for their teacher assessed SATs and Year 6 pupils will take a series of End of Key Stage Tests for 4 days starting on Monday 8 May. I and the staff are very proud of the children's work and perseverance, and 3 of our News Team have presented an episode of Newsround on the school website to tell us more. It's that strange time of the year when there are a few Bank Holidays – not as many as Jeremy Corbyn would like – and it is timely that with the General Election coming up that May's Value of the Month is Democracy, giving us lots of opportunities to learn about the democratic process in the UK. With that, I will leave you to enjoy another long weekend, and look forward to welcoming you back at school on Tuesday 2 May.

With best wishes

Susannah Bellingham

SATs breakfasts for Year 6 pupils

Pupils in Year 6 are asked to arrive at school at 8.30am for the week beginning Monday 8 May. They will be given a healthy breakfast of bagels and juice whilst their teachers exercise their minds so they can do their best in their SATs. Good luck!

Leadership Programme at Brunswick Park

We are very lucky to have been given the opportunity this term to work with Southside Young Leaders Academy (www.syla.org.uk). We are working in partnership to provide an exciting and engaging programme of activities designed to unlock leadership potential in boys. Through personal development, teamwork and skills training we aim to inspire them to be agents of change in their own lives and become the next generation of young leaders. We have enrolled 12 boys in Years 5 and 6, and the programme will run for 12 weeks. If they are successful at the end of the programme, the boys will be able to take part in Southside's Saturday and Holiday Programmes. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school community.

Music News

Paula Hales, our specialist Music Teacher, will place weekly posts on the website about all the musical activities going on in school, including singing at the Brunswick Park Care Home and all the instrumental work the children do. Please check it regularly to find out more.

Requests for Special Leave

As you know, pupils are expected to attend school for 190 days per year, leaving 175 for holidays and appointments. The school's attendance target is 97%, and our pupil attendance has improved to the stage where it often meets this. We are working hard to exceed it, as research links good school attendance with good academic progress, better qualifications and better life chances. Occasionally, there may be an exceptional circumstance that requires a parent or carer to apply for Special Leave from school. Special Leave Applications should be completed as early as possible before the time of the Leave to give the Head Teacher time to respond. The form the school uses has been redesigned to make the application process clearer. It is available for download from our website www.brunswickparkprimary.co.uk, by email from office@brunswickpark.sch.uk or by request from the School Office.

Fareshare Assembly

For the second year running, Jonny White is working with Year 3 pupils and the charity Fareshare to grow vegetables on our allotments and in our gardens and sell them at Borough Market as Young Marketeers. The first trip to the Market happens next week; look out for pictures and further news of the project's progress on the website. Last year the children did so well they won a basket of fruit as big as them! Let's hope their fingers are as green this time....

