

Year 6 – KS2 SATs Dates May 2023

This is the timetable for the Year 6 SATs week. In the build up to their exams, alongside their normal lessons, children will be taking part in a range of revision sessions. Therefore, it is important that children are in school, if they are well enough, so they don't miss out at this important time of the year.

Date	Test
Tuesday 9th May 2023	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Weds 10th May 2023	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Thurs 11th May 2023	Mathematics Arithmetics (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Friday 12th May 2023	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

Aspire2Be

A huge thank you to Lyndsey Morgan for her time on Wednesday, delivering a talk to a group of aspiring make-up specialists. Our children gained a valuable insight into how Lyndsey makes people feel special on a range of occasions. Year 6 had a fantastic afternoon in school yesterday thanks to David Cundell, a Community First Responder. Thank you for teaching our children some valuable life-saving skills. Finally, thank you to Samantha Reeve from Natwest Bank who has worked with our Year 2 children this afternoon and supported them with a 'Super Smoothie' workshop on business budgeting.



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Merit Winners

Well done to our merit winners. They have demonstrated '**empathy**' and have also had **100% attendance** this week!



Industrial Strike Action

School will be open to all pupils on Tuesday 2nd May 2023. All pupils are expected to attend. Thank you.

Y1 Share a Story

Thank you to our Y1 parents and carers for attending the Share a Story session this week. It was great to have you in and sharing your love of reading with the children.



Medical Appointments

When children are absent from school due to a medical appointment, evidence of the appointment must be shown to school. If evidence is not shown, the absence will be recorded as unauthorized.

Attendance

We would like to remind parents of the process for applying for holiday leave during term time. Although we strongly recommend that children are not taken out of school for holidays during term time, we request parents make an appointment with Mr Connor when holidays are to be taken. It is a legal requirement that we are aware of the whereabouts of each child during school days and therefore, essential that holiday requests are completed with Mr Connor prior to the child missing any time at school.

Please note that if your child's attendance should drop below 90% as a result of an unauthorised absence during the 39 weeks prior to the holiday being taken, the Local Authority attendance team will be notified and a penalty notice could be issued.

The penalty notices issued are £60 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days. This penalty notice will double if paid between 22 and 28 days after the penalty notice has been issued. e.g. A two parent family with two children receive 4x £60 notices, as each parent would receive one notice per child. The family would need to pay £240 to the Local Authority if paid within 21 days or £480 if paid between 22 and 28 days. Where payment is not received within 28 days, the case is forwarded to court.

Please contact school if you have any queries regarding this.

Author Event for Year 3 and Year 4

Children enjoyed a live event from an author this morning. Beth spoke about things she loves (art, history, museums) and hates (loud noises, cucumbers) and what it's like to be an author. She inspired the children with stories of where all of her ideas came from and our children got the chance to ask questions. A great morning was had by all!



Earrings

Children are only permitted to wear stud earrings to school. It has come to our attention that a small minority of pupils are wearing hoop earrings, which are not permitted. Such earrings pose a safety hazard. We ask that you support school with this.

We also remind you that earrings should not be worn in school on PE days. Covering in plasters, should only be whilst ears are healing, during the first six weeks following ears being pierced.

The Tall Ships Races 2023

Following last week's newsletter, we can confirm that Fens Primary School has adopted the MORGENSTER. The Morgenster was launched in 1919 as a herring lugger 'Vrouw Maria' SCH 324 for the fishing company den Dulk. She was built at the shipyard Boot in Alphen, and is captained by Jakob Fremgen. We look forward to sharing more information soon.