



Friday 11th May 2018

Melanie Vine, Headteacher

Dear Year 6 pupils,



Next week you will sit your SATs tests for maths, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation. We know how hard you have worked, but there is something very important you must know:

The SATs test does not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not in the way your families do.

They do not know that some of you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing, playing football or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them; that your laughter can brighten

the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy. They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your very best.

The levels you will get from this test will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! So while you are preparing for the test and in the midst of it all, remember that there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU! **Sleep, rest, believe!**

Breakfast club for Year 6 will be held on Monday-Thursday next week from 8.15am.



Children in Year 2 will also be completing their SATs in May. These comprise tests in:

- **Reading / English grammar, punctuation and spelling / Maths**

These tests will be completed over the next 2 weeks (from 14th May – 25th May). The children have been prepared for these in school and have already completed past papers. The tests will take place in their own classroom, with their class teachers and the children will be given frequent breaks in between sessions.

To help your child, please ensure they get plenty of rest during these two weeks and arrive on time, with a water bottle and have eaten breakfast. We try to keep the children as relaxed as possible and ensure that these tests are seen as part of a normal routine rather than being something 'difficult' or 'important'. We reiterate that they should try their best and they are praised for this. Ask your child how their day went – if they don't mention that they had tests, we will have got it right!



A warm welcome from Earls Colne Primary School to **Kaylee and Kieran Banner** who joined 3/4SE and Zebras and **Beatrice Hart** who also joined Zebras this week.



Well done for working so hard!

Briana George-Partridge – a delightful count down poem about going into space!
Isobell Hoadley and **Domonic Pope** – good team work in identifying the features of mathematical shapes. **Neve Parry-Jones** – interesting science learning. **Aaron Wheeler** – jaw-dropping writing!



Congratulations to the two netball teams who took part in a rally at the Ramsey Academy on Tuesday 8th May. Despite the heat, the teams played really well and we won both first and second place. The winning team will go through to the next round on the 19th June.

Thank you to Apogee Print and Friends for our new purple sport T-shirts. Thanks to Mrs Mckean (our super coach) and to all our supporters.



Attendance champions

Congratulations to Elephant class whose attendance was 99.3% for the week commencing 30th April-4th May 2018.

Key dates – 2018

May

14th-17th	Y6 SATs and breakfast club AM
17 th	Y3 fire safety talk - PM
25th	Reception open afternoon – 2.40pm
28th-1st	Half-term

Lost property

Please check the lost property box for your children's clothes we have accumulated a lot recently.



Summer Fete

This is a Summer fete which is held at school each year by Friends PTA, who are a group of parents dedicated to fundraising for the school.

The Fete usually has inflatables, various stalls, cakes, music, food and a bar. It is a lovely event held after school on a Friday.

Help from parents is required on the lead up, on the day setting up or just on the afternoon from 3pm.

Friday 22nd June 2018

Please contact Laura Stringer (Chair of Friends) on 07977921878 if you would like to help and are available to help out at this year's summer Fete.

A Summer Fete planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16th May** at The Lion Pub, High Street, Earls Colne at 7pm.

All welcome, but please can you let me know if you will be attending so that I can ensure we have enough seating.

This meeting is very informal, and a nice time to put ideas together.

Some parents share a time on a stall with another parent and take turns looking after each other's younger children. Maybe this is something you would be happy to do.

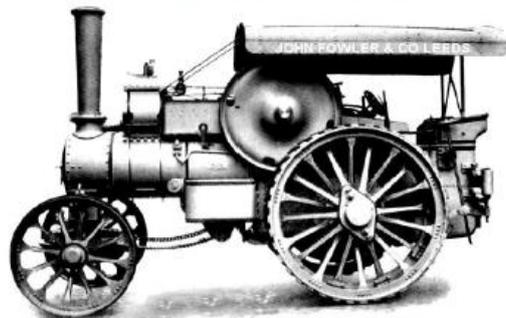
Please note that grandparents are welcome to help too, if they would like to be involved. If you are unable to help then don't worry, we will look forward to hopefully seeing you there at our schools special day.

Warm regards,

From your Friends PTA

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