

13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Y6 SATs week has finished and we are incredibly proud of all of the children for their focused, mature and determined attitude to complete each test to the very best of their ability. Despite having two years of interrupted education and not having covered as much of the curriculum as previous cohorts, our Year 6 children approached every test with the Self-Belief and a determination for Excellence which has been instilled within them throughout their time here at EBPS.

The tests have all now been packaged up and sent away for marking, however regardless of the results and the outcome, we are truly proud of our Year 6 children. Tests only ever measure a tiny proportion of the curriculum and of what we value and endeavour to teach our children. The other things we value such as our school values of Kindness, Honesty, Respect as well as other traits such as creativity, teamwork, resilience, empathy confidence and just being an all-round decent human-being are not measured by SATs but are equally as important. Well done Year 6 and enjoy the rest of your time with us in Primary school: Leavers' show, residential and lots more wonderful learning opportunities!

Next week and into the week after, our Year 2 children complete their SATs test to mark the end of their time in Key Stage One. We are keeping this very low-key with the children, they believe they are carrying out "Special Agent Training – SAT"! The children will complete their reading, writing and maths tests in classrooms or small groups in the usual way, just working in silence for each test. We do not want children to be unduly stressed or worried by these tests at all!

The results of all statutory tests and assessments will be reported to parents in the end of year report.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone – fingers crossed for some warmth and sunshine.

Kind regards,

Miss M. Lally

Y1 Parent / carer phonics session

Thank you to those parents who joined Y1 classes to see phonics in action and listened to the presentation from Mrs Hunter our phonics lead. The presentation has been emailed out to all Y1 parents and is on our website. We hope you find it useful in helping your child to read at home.

Talent Show Auditions

The School Council have chosen the following charities to raise money for this year: Guide Dogs for the Blind, Cancer Research and Save The Children. The first event they are organising is an EBPS Talent Show! Auditions for the talent show will be held in classes **next week**. Your child's teacher will let your child know when auditions are and they will need to bring everything they need for the audition on the day. We are looking forward to singing, dancing, magic acts, comedy, listening to children play instruments and lots more! Each child should only audition once, whether in a group or individual audition. Each child auditioning needs to pay £2 and there is a suggested voluntary contribution of 50p to watch the talent show on 26th May. Donations can be made via Parent Mail. We very much hope you will support the School Council by backing this event and we look forward to seeing the amazing variety of talent from our pupils!

Attendance: "Spring into School"

Following our attendance re-launch, we would like to thank families for leaving absence messages before 8.30am. These can be left by calling 01604 810371, option 1, or by emailing schooloffice@eb-pri.northants.sch.uk

Thank you to those who have made an extra effort with punctuality this week. Throughout the week we had 25 lates before the registers closed and 28 lates after the registers closed (which is classed as a full morning of absence). Attendance this week is 94.04%, which is not an improvement on last week.

School gates open at 8.30am, classroom doors open at 8.45am. A reminder that if your child arrives at school after 8.55am, they will be required to sign in late at the school office. If they arrive after 9.00am, they will be registered as late after the registers close. In this case they are recorded as absent for the whole morning session. If this happens more than ten times in any six-week period parents may receive a penalty notice from the County Council.

Penalty notices are also issued by the County Council for term-time holidays over five days.

In cases of persistent lateness and term-time holidays an initial fixed penalty notice of £60 is issued to each parent for each child (so a two-parent family with two children would be fined £240). Information and support from the County Council for attendance issues can be found [here](#).

The school's attendance information can be found on our website [here](#).

Bank Holiday in lieu

A reminder that at EBPS we are having the bank holiday in lieu for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Monday 6th June. This is the Monday after the May half term when school will be closed. Each school was instructed to set its own date so this may be different to other local schools.

Stay Connected

Please find the latest version of [Stay Connected](#) for families. There are some useful articles, including the following:

A free course "Help for parents managing transition from primary to secondary school".

Drop-in sessions on Immigration, Benefits and Energy advice, Debt and Housing.

Learn English for Ukrainians at the Victoria Centre in Wellingborough.

Letters sent home this week:

Well-being homework week 3

Multiplication tables check – Y4 only

Y1 phonics testing – Y1 only

Y1 phonics presentation – Y1 only

Attachments

Groundforce day invitation

Piano free taster flyer