

STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER



May 2019

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It hardly seems possible that we are two weeks into the summer term already. The children have been very passionate about getting involved in our Climate Change unit of work. You can read more about this on the reverse of this newsletter.

It is with regret that I need to inform you that the school will be used as a polling station during the EU elections on the **23rd May 2019**. I did try and get the council to re-consider using Star as we have already had unforeseen closures this year, but this was not possible. **The school will therefore be closed to pupils on that day.**

All children from reception to Year 6 had workshops run by the police this week. This was aimed at discussing age related topics centred on how to keep themselves safe and how to avoid making decisions that they may later regret. Children then had very interesting discussions about issues raised.

As we are now in the summer term, I would like to remind parents that children have the option of wearing the summer dresses or knee length shorts/skirts to school. Please support us by continuing to send your child to school in the correct school uniform. This really helps with creating the right atmosphere in school for behaviour and learning. Trainers are not allowed to be worn to school.

With the increasingly warmer weather, it is lovely to see so many children playing over in the park instead of sitting indoors in front of screens. Please make sure that children are supervised over in the park by a suitable adult. I would also like to remind parents that under no circumstances should you approach another pupil in the school while over in the park, to question them about any incident that has taken place in school. Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Regards

Ms Von

Head Teacher

SATS AT STAR

May is the month when all children across the country in Year 2 and 6 will be doing their Standard Aptitude Tests (SATS). This can sometimes be a stressful time for children but we have worked hard to prepare them and are confident that they will do the very best they can. You can support your child at home by following a few of the suggestions listed below:

- Make sure they attend school every day.
- Talk to them about any concerns or worries they may have.
- Make sure that they are getting a good night's sleep and limit the amount of time on games before bedtime.
- Keep them healthy by providing lots of vitamins and veggies in their diet.

Year 6 pupils will be invited to a special Free Breakfast club during the SATS week.

Important Dates

Monday 6th May

School closed for May Day

Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May

Year 6 SATs week

Thursday 23rd May

School closed for Polling Day

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

School closed for the Summer Half Term

Tuesday 4th June

Meetings for new September Reception Parents

Monday 17th June

Meeting for new September Nursery Parents

Tuesday 18th June

Class Photos



Nurturing & growing together



Do you have a child aged 3-4?

If you have a child who will be aged 3 in September why not consider enrolling them now for a place in our Star Nursery?

Speak to a member of our office staff today for more details.



Rights Respecting Schools

The Rights Respecting Schools Awards supports schools to embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC or CRC) in their practice to improve well-being and help all children to realise their potential.

At Star, we learn about our rights and embed these values in daily school life giving children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens. Children's rights are promoted and realised with everyone in the school community working together towards this goal.

This term, to link with our STEM Climate Change topic, we are focusing on:

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



Join the BIG Debate!

Climate change is real and is affecting our lives every day. The children at Star want to make a difference and have some brilliant ideas about how we, as a school, can reduce our own impact on the environment. We want parents and carers to join our Big Debate. This week we are thinking about:

Is what we EAT destroying our planet?

Plant based diets with fruit and vegetables are healthy



VS



I can help the environment in other ways like walking to school.

We would require 76% LESS farmland. Nature and forests could recover from our destruction. (Joseph Poore)

Currently today's agricultural system covers 43% of the worlds land.

We would reduce greenhouse gas emissions, acidification of the water and soil and eutrophying emissions.

FOR

Eating more plant-based foods/reducing our consumption of animal protein.

Plant based diets reduce the food's emissions by up to 73% (depending where you live) (Society Research Innovation)

Against

Eating more plant-based foods/reducing our consumption of animal protein.

Concerns of the health implications of a meat free diet.

Some studies have shown that non-meat eaters are more at risk of physical and mental illness, despite leading healthier lifestyles. (Medical University of Graz Austria)

Farmers jobs depend on the consumption of animal protein.