

Headteacher's Blog May 2019

SATS and Assessments

It continues to be a busy time, as we finish off our statutory National, and in-school assessments. Thank you all for your support with attendance.

Well done to Year 6 pupils, who coped well with their revision and test workload. They certainly enjoyed their post-Sats picnic, as well as choosing what lessons they wanted to have last Friday (Science, Art, PE and Computing).

PE Kit

Following concerns expressed about the rapid fading of navy PE T-shirts, we have decided to phase-in sky blue T-shirts. There is no expectation that you need to buy the pale blue ones; it can just be a gradual change. The pupils do look at their best competing at events in their school kit. Please ensure your child/children have their PE kit each week. There are additional sports events this next half-term.

Key Stage 2 Performance

Casting and rehearsals have started for our exciting summer performance. The performance will take place at Lucker Village Hall, over the evenings of 16th and 17th July, starting at 6pm. Both events will be ticketed – further details will follow. There will be a charge of £4.00 per ticket, as we need to hire the Hall; pay for the performance script and rights; along with paying for transport to rehearsals. We have previously funded any costs from the school budget and occasional PTA donations, however, as previously mentioned, school budgets are very challenging at the moment.

Initial Teacher Training

As you may be aware, we train future teachers at Ellingham, through our partnership with Carmel College, Darlington. We are delighted that Miss Foster has, as expected, successfully completed her PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate of Education) course with an 'Outstanding' grade. We wish her every success in finding her first teaching position.

On Monday, we interviewed a prospective student teacher for next year. We were impressed by her teaching and rapport with our pupils, so we have offered her a conditional place.

Summer Fair

Following the success of holding this event at Bamburgh Pavilion last year, we are looking forward to this year's event on 9th June. Thank you to everyone who is helping out. PTA funding towards our activities and resources helps enrich what we can offer and benefits all of our pupils. Hoping to see you there!

Kind regards,

Diane Lakey May 2019