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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a great Easter break and the children are looking forward to their last term at Oldfield! This term can be bit of an emotional rollercoaster for both the children and their families as popular summer-term traditions leads to realisations that this is the last time.

There is still lots of learning to do in the run-up to the SATs tests and writing assessment; however; we will endeavour to make this term as fun and as memorable as possible for all. As this is such a full term, we will also be sending you further information for the second half of the summer term at a later date.

Home learning: On the build-up to SATs; home-learning will be linked to revision and your child working on their individual gaps. We will be sending home pupil's 'White Rose Maths' booklets so they can revisit learnt topics of learning and for English we will be sending home targeted grammar, punctuation and reading comprehension sheets to keep those skills ticking over.

After SATs; home learning will change slightly as we start to look at transition materials and summer projects.

Goodnight Mister Tom: Please could all copies of the book that have been borrowed be returned. All children should have finished reading the text now which will enrich their understanding of our next history topic – The Battle of Britain.



Mock SATs week:

Next week (w/c 29.04.24), our year 6 pupils will be experiencing a 'mock SATs week' to get them used to taking their tests in an exam-style setting. For most of the pupils, this will be in the main school hall and for some, they will get used to the smaller room for which they will be taking their tests. It is not something they have done before so it helps to build their confidence ahead of the real event. To support the pupil's exam technique, we will be peer-marking these tests in class to address any misconceptions. Once the tests have been marked and graded, we will send the tests home so pupils can revise specific areas. If they feel 'stuck'; BBC revise-wise has loads of 'top-tips', revision videos and fun games. The link below will take you to the maths page; you can easily navigate to the English section from here.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7>

Parent & Carers meeting about SATS: We would like to invite you to an information meeting regarding SATs on **Thursday 18th April at 9am** in the school hall. The aim is to share all information and answer any questions you may have.



SATs week (w/c 13th May) & the year 6 'special' breakfast club

In order to ensure your child feels calm and ready ahead of the test time, we will be running a breakfast club during SATs week from **8.15am** each day from Monday to Thursday. This will be held in the year 6 classrooms and is free of charge.

We will provide a healthy drink of fruit juice, milk or water. Plus, freshly prepared toast with a range of spreads and a range of fruits each day. If your child would rather have breakfast at home but would like to come in to relax with their friends, they are also welcome to join us. If your child attends the school's breakfast club, they will be invited to join us at 8.15am.

The tests will start shortly after morning registration so it is really important that all children are punctual during test week. Last orders for toast will be at 8.40am so we can 'clean-up' and ensure the children are calm and ready to do their best.

Here is the timetable for SATs week:

- Monday 13th May English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 and 2 (spelling)
- Tuesday 14th May: English reading paper
- Wednesday 15th May: Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Thursday 16th May: Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

Celebration Lunch Friday 17th May

To celebrate the end of the children's tests, it has been a long-standing Oldfield tradition to have a special picnic lunch on the Friday. A bit like class parties, we ask everyone to bring something to eat and/or drink which can be shared. We will need a mixture of savoury and sweet – all nut-free; and it will need to come to school with them on Friday morning. If your child has a specific dietary requirement, please talk to your class teacher so we can find the best way forward to support their needs.

Trips and immersive history learning:

The week after SATs (20th May) we will be immersing ourselves into our 'Battle of Britain' learning. Turning the classroom into a war-time themed classroom, learning how to 'make do and mend' by darning socks, practising drills, making ration cake and much more. As part of this, Year 6 will be visiting White Waltham airfield on Tuesday 21st May, and on Thursday 23rd, Leopard class will be visiting the Maidenhead Heritage Centre and Panther will visit on Friday 24th. Please save and send in any 'holey' socks for this week.

Please note, if any pupil has not completed their SATs in the previous week, they will be given time during this week to sit them. This will take precedence over the history trips as they are statutory tests.

Swimming

Swimming lessons for year 6 will commence on Friday 7th June – remember to save the date and have swim bags ready! If anyone is willing and able to volunteer their time to walk the children over to Braywick Leisure Centre please let your child's class-teacher know.



OSA Summer Fair



The OSA Summer Fair will be on **Saturday 15th June** and year 6 have been asked to run some stalls again to make the fair as fun as possible. We will be sending home a separate letter shortly to see who is available to volunteer their time and support this fantastic event.

Year 6 Leavers Play

Another Oldfield tradition is the annual year 6 leavers play. The performance will now be on **Thursday 11th July at 2pm** in the big hall. Auditions for acting parts of the play will start shortly; we will endeavour to ensure every child who would like a speaking part will get one. If you are aware that your child would secretly love a part; please encourage them to have-a-go so they don't feel disappointed in missing out on this opportunity. There is a part for every child from acting, singing, technical support and stage management – we will send more details about the performance nearer the time. If you have a talent (and time) for prop-making; face-painting or costume making and would be willing to support the production, then please let class teachers know as many hands make light work!

All other information regarding end-of-term events will be shared after half term.

Transition to secondary school: Information from your child's secondary school will soon be flooding into your inbox regarding transition days. When you have their transition date(s) confirmed, you will need to fill out an exceptional leave of absence form which can be found on our school web-site here: <https://www.oldfieldprimary.com/page/?title=Forms&pid=27> This is so we know when the children are off-site and can record it properly on the school attendance register.

Understandably, your child may have 'ups and downs' as excitement, anticipation and worries start to build. Wayne Dixon will be coming to talk to the children on Friday 7th June and present 'It's your move' which explores some of the feelings that come along with change. Below are some links to some handy websites which are aimed to support both parents and children.



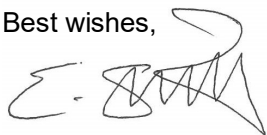
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Thank you again for your ongoing support; we look forward to sharing these special times with you.

Best wishes,



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Mr J Foreshe
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