



Weekly Newsletter - 'Everyone is an Achiever' - Friday 03.05.24

Message from the Principal

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you have all had a lovely long weekend, enjoying the continued mild weather. School continues to be a hive of busyness and exciting learning opportunities

Recently offers went out to parents for our Reception class for September 2024. We will soon be welcoming parents who have been offered a place to a play and stay morning or afternoon where they can learn more about joining the Theddlethorpe community. We are very fortunate that we have a full offer list, meaning that places at Theddlethorpe are in demand this year.

Statutory Assessments

This term, pupils in a number of year groups will take part in statutory tests. Our aim is to make this process as stress free as possible.

Year 1 - In June, pupils in Year 1 will complete a phonics check. The phonics screening check is a check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps us confirm whether your child is making the progress expected in the national curriculum.

Year 2 - Key Stage 1 SATS are no longer statutory but, at Theddlethorpe, we have chosen to continue to administer these to help identify where pupils need additional support as they transition into key stage 2 (KS2). Pupils will complete these in a relaxed atmosphere. If you have a child in year 2, they will take part in:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling • English reading • mathematics.

Year 4 - During June, pupils in Year 4 will complete an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Year 4 pupils will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. If they are familiar with Times Table Rock Stars then this should be a breeze!

Year 6 - If you have a child in Year 6, from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024, they will take national curriculum assessments in:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling • English reading • mathematics.

The tests help measure the attainment of pupils in relation to the standards set out in the national curriculum, and help teachers and parents identify where pupils may need additional support in a certain subject area.

In Year 6 we help pupils to feel relaxed by ensuring they are well prepared and familiar with the style of questions; putting the tests into perspective and helping them to understand that SATs are not the most important thing in the world. We remind pupils that they are all unique and wonderful in their own special ways and that SATs are only a very narrow measure and can't tell us if they are amazing at sport or music or very creative or have an amazing sense of humour.

1 Million Steps = 1 Million 'thank you's' to all parents/carers and the community for sponsoring children at Theddlethorpe Academy. We raised over £300 and completed over 300,000 steps towards Sam Thompson's million!

Attendance

Please remember that the government expected level of attendance is 96%. The overall attendance level for last week was 94.2%, which is still below our target of 96% - please help us to improve that by ensuring that your child only stays at home if s/he is very unwell. A mild cough or cold is not a reason for them to stay at home.

Medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school time so that your child does not miss valuable learning time. Please also ensure that your child arrives punctually in the mornings - school begins at 8.50 a.m., the gates close at 8.55, and if your child arrives after that time, they will be marked as late.

Key Dates

Summer term is always jam packed with events and important things happening so please do keep an eye on key dates in the newsletter. Year 6 have their residential this term; we have important assessments that will help inform class teachers' end of year reports (you will receive these towards the end of July); and we also have a number of educational visits planned.

Attendance Target 96%

Attendance this week 94.2%

Attendance this year so far 93.8%

Dates for Diary

- KS2 SATS start Monday 13th May
- KS1 SATs start Monday 20th May
- Year 4 Multiplication Monday 3rd June
- Quidditch - Thursday 6th June
- Natureland trip - Foundation Stage - Friday 7th June
- Snap Circuit workshops for year 1 / 2 - Wednesday 19th June AM
- Phonics assessments Monday 10th June
- Parents OPAL Play - Thursday 27th June - 2pm onwards
- Sports day (AM) - Friday 28th June
- Year 6 PGL - 5th to 8th July 2024
- Career afternoon - Year 5 / 6 - Wednesday 10th July
- Year 3/4 Performance - Friday 12th July
- Whole school opening evening - meet your new teacher - Monday 15th July
- Scooter and Skateboarding day - Wednesday 17th July
- Year 5/6 Performance and presentation - Thursday 18th July