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National Curriculum Tests

Applications for Nursery

YEAR 6 SATS

A reminder that we are now accepting applications for admission to our "Caterpillars" Nursery class in September. Places are open to any children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. Please see Mrs Bannister if you would like to apply for a place.

Next week, along with other children across the country, our fantastic Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs tests. They have all worked so hard to cover the vast range of skills needed for the tests. All of us who know and teach Year 6 are so proud of them. The teachers and support staff have done a great job of getting them ready for the coming week.

Healthy Playtime Snacks and Lunchboxes

The children have to sit tests in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling; Reading; Arithmetic; and Mathematical Reasoning, all under exam conditions.

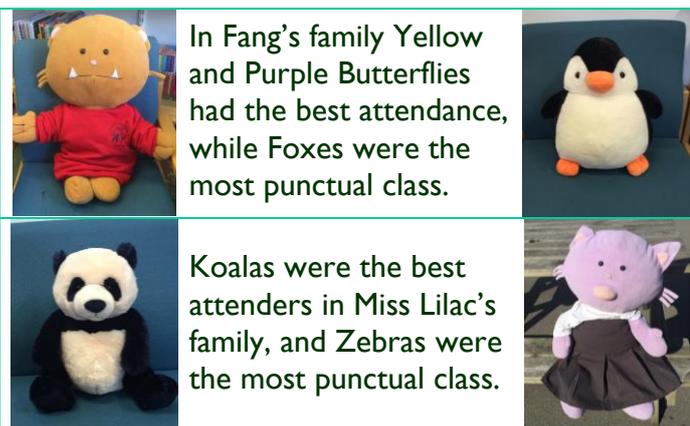
Many children have very healthy snacks at playtimes, including vegetable sticks and fruit. Not only are these better for the children, they often also reduce waste which fills our bins and will eventually fill landfill sites. Fruit tokens can also be bought from the office, and all Infant pupils get free fruit every day.

In order to get the children to school on time and give them a healthy, filling start, FOBSA have kindly funded a free, Year 6 only SATs Week Breakfast Club, which is being organised by Miss Morris and Mrs Prince. The children really enjoy this special treat, which gets the day off to a flying start!



Rewarding Good Attendance and Punctuality

We do not allow the children to eat snacks such as cheese strings, chocolate biscuits, or any sweets, as they have little nutritional value, and can cause unnecessary litter in the playgrounds.



In Fang's family Yellow and Purple Butterflies had the best attendance, while Foxes were the most punctual class.

Koalas were the best attenders in Miss Lilac's family, and Zebras were the most punctual class.

Please also remember that chocolate for snacks and in lunchboxes has been banned at Bourne for many years. Chocolate offers very little nutritional value and also contributes to tooth decay.

Keeping Our Site Safe and Secure

Well done to all four classes!

As we move further into the 21st Century, it is becoming more and more apparent that schools need to demonstrate greater security. The nature of our school site, however, does not always make this easy, and therefore we do ask you to observe the following:

Bringing Children to School

Please remember that all children (other than those in years 5 and 6 who walk to school) should be accompanied into the playground by their parents in the mornings. Although there are staff in the playground before school, we rely on their parents or carers also being there.

Children in Year 1 and Reception should also wait with their parents until they are handed over to their teachers.

- Please do not leave gates open behind you when you enter or leave the school grounds.
- Everybody who comes into the school must come to the school office, even out of school hours
- Please do not wander in and out of the school buildings either before, during or after school
- Please sign in and get a badge if you are visiting us or volunteering.

Diary Dates

Make a note in your diary!

- Year 6 SATs
Monday 14th – Friday 18th May
- Meeting for Year 6 parents about Blackland Farm
Wednesday 23rd May after school
- End of Term 5
Friday 25th May – school ends at the usual time
- First Day of Term 6
Monday 4th June – school starts at 8.45am
- Blackland Farm / Eastbourne week for Year 6
Monday 11th – Friday 14th June
- The B Festival 2018
Thursday 21st June
- Staff Training day – school closed
Friday 22nd June
- Transition day for Year 6
Tuesday 3rd July
- FOBSA Summer Fair
Friday 6th July after school
- End of Term 6
Friday 20th July – school ends at the usual time

P.E. in the National Curriculum

We would like to remind you that P.E. is an important part of the National Curriculum, and we are keen that all pupils participate in their two P.E. lessons each week. In order to do this, each child needs to have a named P.E. kit in school (both indoor and outdoor), and we suggest that as this is only worn for a maximum of two hours a week, it does not need to go home after every week, but could be washed at the end of every term, during the half term and main holidays.

If your child is in school, then we expect that they are well enough to participate in P.E. lessons. If your child has a valid reason to miss P.E. – for example a sprained ankle or a painful back – then this needs to be explained in a note to the teacher. If we do not have this note, we may well insist on your child participating in the planned lesson. We do monitor how often children don't take part in P.E.

Also, please ensure that pupils with long hair wear it tied back every day, not only for PE lessons. Thank you.

Did You Know?

If you are in receipt of certain benefit payments, you may be eligible to register for Free School Meals. This is a really useful thing to do, because you may receive other benefits including:

- A free P.E. Kit and book bag once every school year
- A 25% reduction on the cost of any class trip
- A 50% reduction on the cost of the Year 6 Residential trip to Blacklands Farm

Even though all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free school dinner, this does not include these additional, free benefits.

If you would like more information, please ask at the office in complete confidence.

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