

Dear parents and carers,
Welcome to the Summer term. We all hope you had a lovely holiday. Last term finished with a lot of excitement and we would like to give a special thank you to the PTA for organising a hugely popular and successful disco. A lot of hard work went into preparing for this event and school staff and pupils were very appreciative.



The Easter Egg raffle in the end of term assembly was also very popular as you can see from these smiling faces. Congratulations to children in Year 4 who took part in the Wag Show at the Spa Centre. They had to put in a lot of time and effort and did extremely well. There is also information in the newsletter about the Sydenham choir and their performances at the end of term.

This term:

We have an exciting term ahead of us with three residential trips, visits for us all to go to the National Gallery to see our work on the Take One Picture Project, class outings, Sports' Days, A course for parents, SATs tests and more! Please see inside for the diary dates for the next few weeks and details of other events which are pre booked.

End of Year Reports

This year we will be emailing our end of year reports to you. Please make sure that we have your **email address** and if we don't, please give it to the office next week or let us know if you do not have internet access.

Thank you, your cooperation in this matter will be much appreciated.

Have a lovely, sunny weekend,

Best wishes,

Carla Matthews

Associate Headteacher

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Sydenham Primary School Newsletter

Looking at Learning in Assembly



Our Assembly theme this week has been about our Learning Characters.

On Monday the children saw clips of experienced cheerleaders and gymnasts showing the result of a year of practice, demonstrating perseverance, concentrate and not giving up, as well as other characteristics.

On Wednesday children in years 3 and 5 showed some of the learning from Tuesdays Fit for Learn sessions.

Year 3 showed us Country and Western dance. Ryan C. and Tommy said, "You have to keep time with each other." Lyla and Simrit, "You've got to remember the moves and be in the right space."



Year 5 were very energetic in their Street Dance and we were impressed by the way they used prior learning to invent a dance of their own, as well as showing their new learning. Reuben and Rachel said, "There are loads of moves you can do and because of this if you go wrong you can improvise. It's really good fun and you really use your imagination."





Sydenham- School Choir Sensation

**SUPER SINGING
SPECTACULAR!**



On March 20th and 21st, members of our Key Stage 2 choir performed in the County Music Service production of “Jungle Book” and “Seussical” at North Leamington School. Sydenham School had been specially chosen to participate because of the children’s impressive singing during their “Singtastic” lessons in the Autumn Term.

The children showed great commitment and dedication by attending many rehearsals and performing three times – including twice in one day! They learnt numerous songs and really did our school proud. The choir had

been expertly prepared by our music teacher, the amazing Mrs Godwin.

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Mrs Godwin was really proud of all the children and said that many people had paid her compliments about their wonderful singing. Well done.



Adult and Community Learning



Monday 20th April
1.15-3.15pm

Please complete the slip below and return to the office:



Name:



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Bikeability Level 1

22 Children in years 3 and 4 took the opportunity to take part in free level 1 cycle training yesterday morning. They learned some important lessons and practised essential skills in the safe environment of the school playground. Thank you to the Central Warwickshire School Bikeability Team. Information about level 2 Bikeability overleaf.



Rajan: We learned about riding with one hand and clapped the teacher's hand. It was harder with me to put my left hand out.

I also learnt to use my brakes quickly. We did an emergency stop.

Bethany: First we did a clothes check and then we did a bike check. Thomas We learnt to zig-zag through the cones and we had to look behind our right shoulder and say what colour the cone was.

Thomas: You do the M check from the back wheel, up the body and down to your chain and pedals, then up again to where your brakes and handle bars are and then down to the front wheel .



Bikeability Level 2

Important Information : There are only **12 places** available for free years 5 and 6 Bikeability lessons. As they take place on the road the instructors will need to know in advance whether we need more places, so they can book another trainer. It is important therefore that all forms are returned to school by Friday 1st May. Thank you for your cooperation.

The course takes place on the following dates:

Monday 15th June to Thursday 18th June.

Monday session is on the playground, then the rest of the sessions take place on the road. All children must have a helmet.

SATs Week

All pupils in year 6 will be taking their KS2 SATs tests during this week. We wanted parents to have this information in advance, so no appointments are made during this time. However, we are trying to keep the experience as stress free as possible.

DATE	LEVEL 3-5 TESTS	LEVEL 6 TESTS
Mon 11th May 2015	English – Reading Test (60 mins)	English – Reading Test (10 + 50 mins)
Tues 12th May 2015	English – Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Test	English – Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Test
Wed 13th May 2015	Maths – Mental Mathematics Test (20 mins) Maths – Mathematics Paper 1 (45 mins NO calculator)	No level 6 tests timetabled for this day
Thurs 14th May 2015	Maths – Mathematics Paper 2 (45 mins NO calculator)	Maths – Paper 1 (30 mins: NO calculator allowed) Maths – Paper 2 (30 mins: Calculator allowed)

New Transverse Wall

Please supervise your child if he/she uses the new transverse wall before school. Children are not allowed to sit on the wall!

Dinner Money

County Caterers have increased dinner money to **£2.10** a day

Diary Dates: Summer Term

APRIL

Weekly events

Year 1 JL Forest Schools every Monday pm until half term. Please remember wellies

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Year 5 swimming every Tuesday

April

Thursday 23rd April: Year 2 trip to the Gurdwara

Thursday 23rd April: English Touring Opera in School for KS2

Thursday 23rd April/Friday 24th April: Year 5 Residential to Kip in a Ship in London

Friday 24th April: Infants Share a Book 2.45pm

Friday 24th April: Non Uniform (mufti) day.

May

KS1 SATs ongoing.

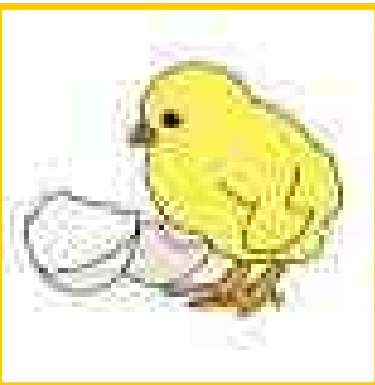
Monday 4th May: BANK HOLIDAY School closed

Thursday 7th May : Election Day. School Closed as it is being used as a polling station.

Week commencing 11th May: KS2 SATs

Monday 25th-Friday 29th May :Half Term

Monday 1st June School Closed.



This has been a busy week for nature lovers. The caterpillars arrived yesterday and today the ladybirds and Living Eggs arrived.

We are all looking forward to watching the eggs hatching and the insects growing and transforming.