



S4 Spring 2018 Newsletter 1

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Welcome

A warm welcome back to everyone after the Christmas holiday. It was a well-earned break and we hope the children are rested and ready for a busy term.

Tests

A focus that will certainly remain is exam preparation, this time for SATs. We consider the SATs exams to still be of relevance, not least in that it provides some academic rigour for this part of the year. There is a SATs information evening on the 6th February. We would like your child to attend too as our feedback and guidance will be very much directed at them.

The Term Ahead

However, we'll have a busy time with other aspects of the curriculum too. Our Science unit of study this half-term is Living Things. We start a new History topic looking at Britain in the 1930s and 40s. Particular emphasis will be placed on understanding how WW2 affected the children of the time.

We'll also be reading *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo. A book for older children, it is filled with warmth as well as grief and will hopefully lead the children to examine just how precious life is. Do talk to them about their reading.

Many of S4 have assumed fresh roles and responsibilities for the new term. We hope that they continue to work responsibly.

A Cycling Proficiency course is booked for week beginning the **5th March**. We very much encourage your child's participation. A letter providing more details has been sent out. If you have any further questions, please contact us.

Healthy Snacks

Can we please remind children and parents that break time snacks should consist of fruit, veg, plain biscuits etc. No crisps, sweets or chocolate! Please be aware that there are children in the school and indeed in S4 who have severe nut allergies and bear that in mind when sending in food for any occasion.

End of the day

Please ensure you collect your child promptly at the end of the school day. Any child not collected by 3.45pm (unless attending a club) will be sent to After School Club. Also, children must not be in the playground before 8.15am or in classrooms before 8.30am even on a wet day!

Diary Dates

Wed 18th Jan. Breakfast Bites tickets on sale.

Week beginning 22nd Jan. SATs mocks for S4

Thurs 1st (8.45am) and Fri 2nd Feb (8.45am/11am). Breakfast Bites performance.

Tuesday 6th Feb. S4 SATs prediction evening, 3.45pm onwards.

Friday 9th Feb. S4 Bring and Buy sale

Friday 23rd Feb. The FOMC Comedy Night.

Tuesday 27th Feb. S4 trip to Globe Theatre.