



S4 Spring 2019 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 13th 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 continue 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 **4th March**. We very much encourage your child's participation. A letter providing more details will be sent out in due course.

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

Fri 25th Jan NSPCC

'Danceathon' fundraising event.

Week beginning 28th Jan

SATs mocks for S4.

Weds 30th Jan Young Voices.

Friday 1st Feb The FOMC
Family Disco.

Weds 6th Feb Chinese story
telling day.

Weds 13th Feb S4 SATs pre-
diction evening, 3.45pm on-
wards.

Thurs 14th Feb Shakespeare
workshops for S4.

Friday 15th Feb. S4 Bring and
Buy sale.