

NEWSLETTER

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As you are aware, Percy Main had our Ofsted Inspection on the 8th and 9th of March. I'd just like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers who took their time to complete the questionnaires. The conduct of your children throughout the inspection was fantastic and we're looking forward to reading the full report.



A parent/carer meeting has been planned for **Tuesday 5th April at 2.30pm** to give you more information about SATs tests. At the meeting Mrs Reynolds will explain what school have been doing to prepare the children for the tests, and what the children can do at home for some additional practice.

What are SATs?

SATs are tests taken by children at the end of Year 6. The test papers are set by the DfE and they are not marked by school. There are tests in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPaS) and Maths. The tests are done over 4 days in May.

Children will sit the following SATs papers:

Monday 9th May

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1)

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 2)

Tuesday 10th May

Reading

Wednesday 11th May

Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 12th May.

Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

The tests have to be taken on the set days. This is when all Y6 children in Britain take the same test. If your child is poorly, we ask the DfE if they can sit the test when they are well enough. They usually always say yes! However, it is important to make sure your child is at school for the tests as it is not as nice for your child to do the test by themselves.

Dates to remember

Monday 28 March
2.30pm
Year 2 SATs Meeting

Tuesday 5 April - 2:30 pm
Year 6 SATS Meeting

Easter Holidays
11 April until 22 April

School Reopens
Monday 25 April

Year 6 SATs
Monday 9th May
Tuesday 10th May
Wednesday 11th May
Thursday 12th May

Year 2 SATs week
beginning 16th May

Year 2

Children in Year 2 also take SATs tests in reading and maths. Children in Year 2 will complete their tests week beginning the 16th May. School have much more flexibility regarding how they are delivered to meet the needs of younger learners. There are no specific time limitations during any of the tests and they can be chunked into smaller sessions as appropriate. They take place in the classroom and are made as low key as possible. For more information a session will be held in school for parents and carers of Year 2 children on **Monday 28th March at 2.30pm**.



Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Brown are the first two members of staff to pass their tests to drive the minibus. A group of Year 6 children played a huge role during the inspection taking part in discussions and focus groups with the inspectors. As a treat, they were the first to take a ride in the minibus to the coast to have an ice-cream. We're looking forward to many more adventures.



On Friday we celebrated Red Nose Day at school. The children had a fabulous day from playing the nose and spoon race to fun activities in class. As a school we raised £323 for this very worthy cause. Many thanks to all of our parents/carers who supported this event.



The School Choir performed at Whitley Bay Playhouse on Thursday. They were amazing and really showed off how brilliant we are at Percy Main. 28 children attended the event. We are extremely proud of all of them.



Mrs Leslie is running an Easter Raffle. Tickets will go on sale from next week. They will be £1 per strip. It will be drawn the week before the Easter holidays. All proceeds will go towards some wonderful things for school.

Our Y6 boys took part in the Littleton League tournament held at John Spence and represented our school brilliantly. They came up against some very experienced teams but showed fantastic effort and perseverance throughout. We are very proud of them.



On Friday 8th April Rainbows and Nursery parents are invited to a Teddy Bears' Picnic. All you will need is a teddy, a packed lunch and a blanket. School are providing ice creams. Fingers crossed that the sun will shine.

Nursery's picnic will be at 10.30am

Rainbow's picnic will be at 2.15pm