

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back! Many thanks to Mr Oakey and the cleaners for all their hard work over Easter: the school looked sparkling for the start of term. Every classroom projector has now been replaced with short-throw projectors. The new ones are wonderfully bright– the children have really noticed the difference!

The summer term promises to be a time for everyone to really enjoy. The children's hard work is really paying off for them and we can see great progress being made across the school. The teachers spent the training day before term started planning the new curriculum that will come on stream next September. They also spent time firming up plans for some exciting learning opportunities this term!

The term started with no delay and we were delighted so many parents were able to come to the Year 5 children's Roman exhibition on the very first day. The Science Quiz club teams went to take part in the local competition and one team was placed second having led right up until the final round! The Year 6 football team are off to Manchester in mid-May to represent Norwich City in the Premier League Schools Tournament. Not many people get to watch football at the Etihad let alone play there! Good luck team!

There are many sports events for all children this term. We are especially pleased that our Sport Premium money is making it possible to open up many opportunities we would not have otherwise been able to provide. For example, some Year 6 children have the chance to go sailing at Whitlingham, we are running after school athletics and we are also organising some wheelchair basketball. We hope to interest children not normally keen on games by providing access to a wider range of activities than in the past. Something for everyone, we hope!

The term will end with a festival of learning week when we will celebrate the great things going on. There will, of course, be a play performance, the prom on the pitch and the sports mornings all of which we hope you will enjoy with us.

### Year 6 News

Summer term in year 6 is the time for the children to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in the national tests. To help your child during assessment week we suggest: plenty of early nights and a good, wholesome breakfast! On days with more than one assessment a fruit snack or cereal bar for break would be beneficial. All the children are fully prepared and we are confident they will approach SATs with a positive attitude.

The dates for SATs are as follows:

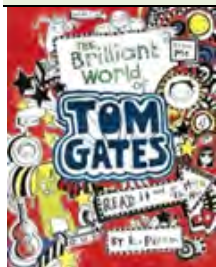
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May ..... Reading level 3 -5 and Reading level 6.
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Spelling and grammar levels 3-5 and level 6.
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Maths paper 1 level 3-5 and mental maths level 3-5.
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Maths paper 2 level 3-5 and level 6 maths (papers 1 and 2).

After SATs we are planning a day visit for all the children. Some will have the opportunity to go sailing on Whitlingham Broad (letters to come soon!) and eight pupils from the boys and girls football teams are looking forward to their visit to Manchester's Etihad stadium representing Norwich City at the Premier League Schools Tournament.

On the first day back after half term we have our residential trip to Kingswood. Please may we have all the parental consent forms back as soon as possible.

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## CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT – LIZ PICHON



Exciting news! Some of children will have the opportunity to join our friends at Kinsale Junior for a visit by **Liz Pichon** the very popular author, on **Wednesday 7 May**. Kinsale are hosting the event and we are delighted to be able to take some of children to join in. Liz will talk to the children about her books (including the hugely popular Tom Gates series) after which there will be an opportunity to buy books, which she is happy to sign.

**Liz Pichon** is an [illustrator](#) and a [children's writer](#) who has won many awards. Do visit her website (<http://www.lizpichon.co.uk/home.htm#>) to discover more about her and the many books she has written.

The visit has been organised by **Marilyn Brocklehurst**, owner of *the* best children's bookshop in Norfolk, the **Norfolk Children's Book Centre**. <http://www.ncbc.co.uk/NCBC/Home.html>

## Diary

### May

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday – school closed

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SAT tests week

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Half-term week – school closed

**June** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Year 6 (Kingswood) residential

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Year 5 (Holt Hall) residential

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Year 2 visit to Firside

Thur 19<sup>th</sup> School Disco

Thur 26<sup>th</sup> School closed – CPD day (applies to all local schools)

### July

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 Leavers Disco

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> School Sports..... 9:30

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> School Performance "Treasure island" ..... 1:30 & 6:00

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> School Sports..... 9:30

Prom on the Pitch ..... evening

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> & Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Hellesdon High transition day – Year 6 pupils to Hellesdon High

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Last day of term

## Premises update

Congratulations to the Year 6 Netball team for such a great performance in the Hi5 Netball tournament last Monday. Good luck in the Summer Norfolk School Games tournament later in the term.

