



News and Information

Date: 12th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen our Year 6 children undertake their National KS2 SATS assessments. We are incredibly proud of each and every single one of them as they have all tried really hard this week and shown a really positive attitude towards the assessments. Well done Year 6—enjoy a restful and enjoyable weekend!

Next week, our Year 2 children have their SATS assessments and we know that they will also try incredibly hard to show what they now know!

Last week we celebrated the King's Coronation in school and have included a snippet of our celebrations in this newsletter. It was a great day and hopefully one the children will remember.

Ms Martin
Headteacher

Parent Governor Election Results

Just before Easter we invited our parent community to put themselves forward to join our Governing Board. We had three people come forward which led to a vote. As a result of the votes, Mr Matthew Glass was officially appointed as Parent Governor with 50.8% of the votes. The Governing Body have also invited the other two candidates to join the Board as Associate members so that they can begin to learn and understand the role of the Governing Body. Congratulations to Mr Glass who will be one of the parent representatives on the Governing Board for his term of office. The Board and Senior Leadership team look forward to working with our newest member to continue to progress the school.

Key Dates coming up: **May**

Monday 15th—Friday 19th—KS1 SATS Assessments

Tuesday 16th—Nursery School Trip

Tuesday 16th—SEN Coffee Morning

Friday 19th—Mufti Day for Summer Fair goods.

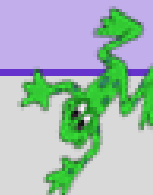
Friday 26th—School closes at 3:15pm for half term.

Staffing News



We have already written to parents of children with additional educational needs, but we also wanted to share the happy news with our whole school community—Mrs Bramley is expecting her second child in August. She will be going on maternity leave in August. In her absence, Mrs Glanney and Mrs Tarling will be covering the SENDCo role. Mrs Tarling has completed the Early Years SENDCo qualification and so has already been supporting children in this phase and Mrs Glanney has been shadowing Mrs Bramley all year with SEN. Both will continue to do a great job and ensure that children with additional needs are supported throughout next year.

Phonics at Bierton



Phonics screening check

As we approach the summer term, we are preparing the children for the Phonics Screen Check.

This is a statutory assessment for year 1 pupils which is used to monitor the children's reading skills. Here is a little bit more information about this assessment process.

What is the phonics screening check?

The Phonics screening check is not a formal test, but a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills to read words and that they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

There are two sections in this 40-word check and it assesses phonics skills and knowledge learned through Reception and Year 1. All the words are phonetically decodable. 20 of the words are real words and the other 20 are Pseudo words (Alien words). Pseudo words are included in the check specifically to assess whether your child can decode a word using phonics skills and not their memory.

The children will carry out this reading check 1 to 1 with a teacher in a quiet room.

When is the phonics screening check?

All children in year 1 will take part in the Phonics Screening Check sometime in the second half of the Summer term. You will be notified of your children's result as part of your child's end of year report.

How can I support my child with the phonics screening check?

This is a reading check, so daily reading practise is essential. The children often find the pseudo words the hardest so these are the ones to practise at home. You can have a go at reading the pseudo words which you will find on your child's seesaw account over the next half term or have a go at making your own words by putting sounds together to make funny words. In addition to this you can just keep reading. Children in year 1 are expected to read for 10 mins or more at least 4 times a week.

Videos

Phonics screening check

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/U5P5HaXx/Eq4YeUHc>

Coronation Celebrations

To mark the coronation of King Charles III, children could choose an activity to take part in during the morning which related to either British Traditions or British Values. We had a whole host of activities for the children to choose including country dancing, Castle making, art and craft based around the king and Tea Biscuit decorating to name just a few. In the afternoon, children made flags, discussed the coronation at an age appropriate level and then the whole school community met together outside for a celebration and a piece of cake!



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