

# 24/5/2019

## Diary Dates

Friday 24th May—Half Term  
Monday 3rd June—Back to school  
Monday 3rd June—Year 2 Symphony Hall  
Wednesday 5th June—UWMAT Maths quiz final  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics Screening Week Year 1  
Friday 14th June—KS1 sports day 9.15am  
Friday 14th June—KS2 sports day 2pm  
Tuesday 18th June—UWMAT Literacy quiz final  
Wednesday 19th June—UWMAT Olympics event  
Thursday 20th June—Reception trip to Redditch 360  
Friday 21st June—Dental Health survey check (Rec & Y1)  
Tuesday 25th June—Year 3 to Selly Manor  
Thursday 27th June—Year 1 Sealife Centre  
Monday 1st July—Year 6 GANGS workshop  
Wednesday 3rd July—Change over day  
Thursday 4th July—65 year celebration and summer fayre  
Friday 5th July—EYFS Assembly 9.10am Junior Hall  
Tuesday 16th July—Year 6 rounders and BBQ  
Wednesday 17th July—End of Year assembly  
Thursday 18th July—Year 6 leavers assembly  
Friday 19th July—Children's last day of the year  
Monday 22nd July—TEACHER DAY

**May's Value:  
Respect**



Welcome to the latest edition of our  
Academy Newsletter.

Best Class Attendance



Team Point Winners



*'To support each and every child to love learning and become the very best that they can be.'*

Last week, children in our Year 2 and Year 6 classes took their annual SATs papers. Year 6 sat Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Reading and three Maths papers. Used to compare schools against each other, they can often cause a huge amount of stress and sleepless nights for both children, parents and staff alike! As usual, our children dealt with this brilliantly and worked their socks off. They never fail to amaze me with how hard they work and how unfazed they appear by these tests. I was really proud of you all last week, as I watched your absolute focus from beginning to end. Well done. Whatever the results, I am totally confident that every one of you did your absolute best.

We have now reached the summer half term break. Next half term brings lots of visits, assemblies and end of year events. Please make sure that you have a look at the dates for the diary so that you do not miss anything.

Have a great half term and we will see you on 3rd June for the final half term of the year!

Mrs Carrier

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## LITERACY AND MATHS QUIZ FINALISTS!

You may remember that a few weeks ago, our Year 6 children took part in a Maths and Literacy quiz which involved all of the school within the UWMAT trust. Our children won both competitions. We have now been invited to the ultimate final which is a competition between the top three schools from each quiz.

The Maths final will take place on Wednesday 5th June and the Literacy on Tuesday 18th June. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them the very best of luck; we know you can do it!!

## RECYCLING PROJECT

Just a reminder that Mrs Flynn and Mrs Addis are looking to create an art project based on recycling. We want children from all year groups to get involved including bringing in items that would normally be recycled or thrown away at home. We are looking for bottles, materials (old clothing too) tights, wool, buttons, all different coloured carrier bags and other items along these lines.



## 65 YEAR CELEBRATION AND SUMMER FAYRE

The Orchards (formerly Ley Hill) is officially 65 years old this year. As a huge milestone and with the rebuild of the school starting soon, we thought that this was something worth celebrating. On Thursday 4th July we will be holding a special celebration which will coincide with our Summer Fayre. There will be activities for the children, cakes, toys and book sale and more besides. If you have any unwanted toys, books or items that you no longer use, please donate them to Miss Hughson. We hope that you will be able to join us for celebration, particularly any ex pupils amongst you! More details to follow soon.



## OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

### **Kickboxing Achievements**

Harry and Oliver are in our Year 3 class and have been attending a kickboxing class every week outside of school. Over the weekend, they both achieved their purple belts; the 12<sup>th</sup> belt that they have been awarded. They are now only 5 belts away from black. This is an amazing achievement boys, well done!

### **Drumming award**

Pavan has been attending drumming lessons for almost two years outside of school, as well as the lessons he receives in school. His lessons take place every week, but the practice that he puts in keeps him busy every evening. The hard work is clearly paying off as Pavan has just been awarded his Grade 2 award in Popular Music Performance, passing with Distinction. Well done Pavan, we are really proud of you!