

Friday 11th May 2018

Dear all,

We have had a lovely week in school. I hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful sunshine over the bank holiday. The staff training day last week was really good and focussed on our Primary Writing Project which is all about increasing children's confidence in their ability and approach to writing.

Some of our 5/6 children took part in a Quadkids competition at Brixington. This involved lots of activities like running and jumping and throwing vortexes. Well done to everyone who took part. It is wonderful the number of children who have represented the school this year in some kind of local sporting event or festival.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the FSU parent activity session. They had a great time doing activities such as bug hunting, den building, making creature creations and picture frames, all in the outdoor environment.

Message to Yr 6 children

Your homework this weekend is to do something fun with your family, relax, get some fresh air, smile and laugh. Next week is your SATs and I am not going to say they are not important but I am going to say they only measure a tiny part of what makes you special. I am immensely proud of how hard you have all worked over these last few months but I am even more proud of the caring, responsible young adults you are growing up to be. If I could make a test that graded you on your kindness, thoughtfulness, consideration for others, resilience, compassion and sense of humour you would all pass with flying colours.

Next week do your very best so you can feel proud of your efforts but remember you are much, much, more than the number on a scaled score.

If you can, try and join us for breakfast each morning at 8am in the hall – there will be croissants, cereals, toast, orange juice and maybe even pain au chocolate some days!

Keep smiling, we are all here for you.

Message from Father Philip

Please come and celebrate the Church patronal feast on Sunday 20th May - join the first parish Pentecost picnic — carry a Holy Family rucksack, wear one of our t-shirts or wear your St. Joseph's top – bring a picnic and come fly a kite with us! We will leave Holy Ghost after the 11.00 am mass and walk to Sandy Bay cliff top – if you know someone who can't walk that far then please drop them at Sandy Bay and look up - you will see where we are by the kites in the air. Even Fr. Philip has his own kite!!!!

Date change

On the diary dates that were sent out at the beginning of this term please can you note that the Public Speaking competition has moved from Thursday 14th June to Thursday 5th July at 6pm.

Next week:

Monday 14th May – Yr 6 Grammar, punctuation and spelling SATs papers 1 and 2

Monday 14th May – Nik Nature reptiles in for FSU

Monday 14th May – Year 3/4 team Dartmoor 3 ball competition 4-6pm

Tuesday 15th May – Yr 6 Reading SATs paper

Wednesday 16th May – Yr 6 Maths SATs papers 1 and 2

Thursday 17th May – Yr 6 Maths paper 3

Sunday 20th May – Pentecost picnic (see above)

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: FSU - Chloe, Jonah, Jake, Rowan - Alfie, Alicia B, Cherry - Alfie, Summer, Nicole

Gold Award: Sycamore - Bella E, Owen

Silver Award: FSU - Jacob, Daisy, Sycamore - Annie, Rowan - Alicia B, Beech - Poppy, George

Bronze Award: Beech - Carmela, Damon, Maisie-Rae

Stars of the Week: FSU - Gemma, Sycamore - Rian, Rowan - Niamh, Cherry - Vince, Willow - Indigo, Maple - Maddison & Katie, Beech - Damon

Breakfast Club Star of the Week: Nell