

Graham James Primary Academy

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Dear Parents

Some dates for your Diary

As we are part way through the Summer Term, I wanted to let you all know some of the things that are happening during this final term.

We have our Year 6 children preparing to take their SATs next week. They have been working so hard towards them, and we know they will do a great job. It is also important to remember that these tests only show us one small aspect of the children's progress. SATs do not show us how talented they are in so many other areas from dancing and singing, football, art and drama, swimming, gymnastics, netball and many of the other interests they have. SATs do not show us what good friends they are, what polite, kind and caring human beings they are. They don't show us how funny they are and how much they have grown in so many ways. So, whilst we know they will be amazing next week, we know they are amazing every week and are proud of everything they do.

We also have the Year 4 times tables check that the children have been working so hard towards. They have learnt, used and applied their tables in maths lessons, at home and in their ICT lessons and we know they will do their very best as they always do.

The Year 1 children will be undertaking their Phonics Screening Test too. They have been working hard at their Phonics since they joined us, and it is always so impressive to see them learn to read and use their skills in their writing too.

There are so many other things happening before we head into our Transition at the end of the Summer Term, and we look forward to sharing these with you too. We have Art Week w/c 19th May, Sports Day 24th June, the School Fete on 27th June, Class Assemblies, Open School w/c 7th July and we have our Leavers Assembly on Friday 11th July where we get to celebrate our Year 6 children.

As the children are becoming lifelong learners, so too are our staff and we have managed to secure some exciting professional development training for staff on 14th July so this will mean that the last school day will be Friday 11th July.

We have, as you know, recently been visited by Ofsted which was very successful and highlighted all the great things that go on at Graham James. We should be receiving the final report very soon and will get this out to you as soon as we receive it and look forward to you reading what great things they said about the children and staff.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Petra Back

Head Teacher