

Homework –

Friday 8th February 2019



Miss Huck



Dear Parent/Carer

I quite like this time of year as the nights are lighter – as are the mornings – and we have fewer occasions to de-frost the car. Looking at the forecast for the week ahead, it might be wet, it might be windy, but the temperature stays above freezing and so, hopefully, the worst of the winter is gone and the green shoots can continue to grow untroubled.

By half-term next week, we will have done twenty-one weeks of the year, with only seventeen left before the summer holidays, so most of the work has been done. In effect, because of the early transition, we have actually done twenty-five weeks, with only twelve to go before children transition into their new classes in June.

After half-term, we begin to think about the tests that children have to take later in the year – SATs week is 13th -17th May for KS2, but we also have the phonics tests in June and the KS1 tests in May. In addition, we have to assess the Foundation Stage before the end of the year. Transition to the new classes will take place from Wednesday 19th June after our Inset day (the day before) when we get everything ready for that change. In 2020, in June, there will be a Y4 times tables test as well – something for us all to look forward to☺.

Just to give parents some very long-term news: as you all know, we have a two week half term break in the summer to allow parents to take advantage of cheaper holiday offers so that they don't feel the need to take children out of school in term time to get a more affordable holiday. **For the past few years, that extra week has been after the scheduled half-term, but in 2020, it will be in the week before the half term – so we will break up on Friday 15th May 2020 and return to school on Monday 2nd June 2020.**

Finally, I was touched by something that is on the draft for consultation from Ofsted about changes in their emphasis for the new inspection criteria that they are using from September – they want schools to introduce children to **“the best that has been thought and said and to help engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement”**. I'm sure that we try to do that at the moment – but for that to be emphasised by Ofsted (for the first time) really does give schools the freedom to pursue those ends...

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...

Signed:

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