

Homework –

Friday 30th April 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

The picture box at the top of the page is there to represent the Sponsored Walk that should take place in school on Friday 14th May.

I like the idea of the 14th May, as it is the Friday of SATs week. Of course, we don't have SATs this year (nor did we have them last year) but it still stands as a day when we would all be heaving a sigh of relief - so it would be nice to celebrate it with a walk☺. On that subject, I read today an article that suggested that very, very few headteachers or parents would like to see the return of SATs in 2021/22 as it disrupts the timetable and reduces learning opportunities for children: the thinking is that 'catch-up' would be more successful if tests were put on hold. I also share this view – the sky has not fallen down as a result of children not taking these tests in the past two years and it would be nice if we didn't see them again.

As well as being an important 'fun' part of our calendar, the walk gives us the opportunity to raise money to help towards the cost of an exciting piece of adventure play equipment for the KS1 side of school. Miss Moxon has priced-up a marvellous creation that would be about £16,500 and would be a fantastic memorial for Paula Gathercole as well as being something that would give children hours and hours of adventurous pleasure. It would be great if we could all work together as a school community to make this possible. It is sad to say that despite promises of better funding, schools are still suffering from the effects of years and years of underfunding and so we do need to fundraise to make things like this happen.

Most parents are aware of the fact that the fire services attended the school this week. One of our very old lights fizzled and stopped working, but inside the light, the plastic had melted which caused a pungent burning smell. We couldn't be sure whether the smell came from the light or from the ceiling void, so we had to call 999 and evacuate the building. We were all very impressed to see how quickly the appliances arrived – the teams of firefighters were extremely professional in everything they did. We have been given funding to renew the electrics in school and hope to see that happen this year: it would certainly make the place safer and more cost-efficient!

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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