

Tividale Community Primary School



Newsletter May 2014

SATs - Year 6 and Year 2

A very big thank you to all parents who made every effort to ensure their children were in school every day during this test week. May I remind you that Y2 tests are continuing into next week.

We will not have official results for about 6 weeks, but we are confident that the children worked really hard and each individual did their very best. Well done and have a well-earned relaxing weekend!

Staffing Update

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Calder in Class 7 at half term. Next week will be her final week with us after almost two years of working here at Tividale. I'm sure you will join me and the rest of our team in thanking her for all her hard work and dedication she has given to her colleagues and pupils, and in wishing her all the best as she moves on to the next stage in her career.

We are pleased to say that Mrs Cocker, who has been one of our experienced Year 6 teachers and is known to the children, will be replacing Miss Calder and working in Class 7 and with Year 3 from 2nd June.

Car Parking and Road Safety

You may have heard in the press recently about the increased number of accidents that are occurring outside of schools around the country and the resulting increased number of injuries to children as a result. This is concerning, as there is still a small number of our parents who are driving onto the school car park, parking on the yellow lines on the road or blocking the driveway to drop off and collect children. Please can we remind you not to do this. Not only is it putting children at risk, but it also blocks the emergency vehicle entrance, which by law we are required to keep clear. Mr Allen, our site manager, has been closing the gate at 3:15pm to discourage parents from driving onto the school car park. We appreciate that it is difficult to park around school, but contacts from the Gurdwara across the road have offered that parents are able to use their car park. This is a very kind offer and we thank them for their generosity. Please take up the offer of this 'Park and Stride' scheme and help keep our children safe.

Many thanks for your continued support in this respect!

As an aside to this, Reception, Y1 and Nursery children have been taking part in road safety role-play and activities this week to help them become more aware of dangers on and around the roads.

Dogs at School

I am aware that a small number of parents bring dogs to school when delivering or collecting their children and we thank them for keeping them out of the school playground. However, we have had a number of parents raising concerns about them being held on narrow footpaths immediately outside of school and children being afraid to pass them. A further concern in this respect is that the dogs' mouths are more or less at face height for many of our younger children.

We do understand that the dogs are friendly family pets, but many children are taught to stay away from unfamiliar dogs, as their temperament is unknown. If you have to bring your dog to school, please can I ask you wherever possible, to try to wait with them as far away from the school gates as possible and preferably on a wide area of footpath so that others can pass without feeling intimidated or concerned.

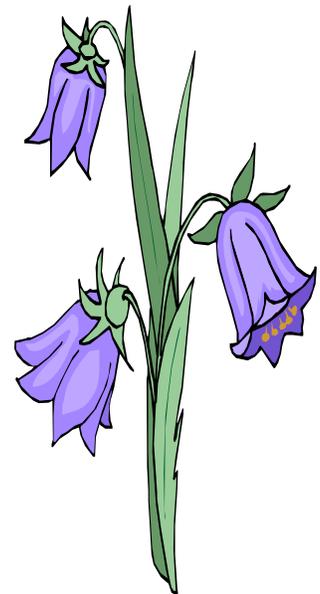
Footwear for PE Lessons

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents that for Health and Safety reasons, we do need to be quite strict on ensuring our children are wearing appropriate footwear to meet the needs of the type of physical activity lesson they are participating in. As a rule, trainers may only be worn during outdoor activities or football or games type activities indoors. Other lessons, such as dance or gymnastics must be done wearing the black PE pumps, or in bare feet. This is to do with the amount of grip and the feeling that comes through the relatively thin sole of the pumps compared to the thick soles of trainers. If you have any further questions about this, please do not hesitate to come into school to speak to us.

Days/Dates

Please be aware that we break up for spring half term next Wednesday 21st May and school will re-open on Monday 2nd June. Other dates to be aware of include:

- June 5th Mid-Summer Disco
- June 27th - Summer Fayre and Non-Uniform Day
- July 1st Nursery Sports Day
- July 3rd Reception Sports Day
- July 8th KS1 Sports Day
- July 9th KS2 Sports Day
- July 10th Parents Evening
- July 11th Pupils of the Year Assemblies
- July 15th & 16th Year 6 Production afternoons
- July 18th Y6 Prom Night
- July 22nd Break up for Summer



Signed:

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