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Welcome Back

It has been a great week back after Easter with lots of sunny weather, new themes and a new school value. The children have been very excited about their new themes. This week all children should have brought home their Curriculum Web and Information Sheet about their learning for the new term. This tells you what they are learning and how you can help them. These can be found on the following link: <https://zouch-academy.twhf.org.uk/learning-and-education/curriculum/curriculum-overview>

Don't forget the May Bank Holiday on Monday 2nd – School Closed.

School Values – Patience

Our new value is patience. I asked two Year 5 pupils what it means to them:

Patience is something where you have to wait for something to happen (patiently!) If you don't it might start an argument! Patience teaches you how to socialise with other people and if you know this, you will be more friendly and friendliness is what our school's all about. Patience is important because otherwise everyone and everything will be in a rush! Everyone will be saying "hurry up, hurry up!" Patience is needed when you're waiting for something. If you're not patient you could seem rude! You have to show it when you're lining up, when you're waiting for something to be handed out or if a friend is off school and you're waiting for them to come back! If a friend won't pass the ball in football, you have to be really patient!

By Yvaine and Oscar in Sparrowhawks



SATs

National tests for Year 6 pupils (SATs) take place in the week commencing **9th May**. It is important that all pupils attend school all week unless we have agreed an authorised absence. For any child missing a test due to illness, we have to submit an application for the test to be carried out on a different day. Further information will be sent out next week.

Year 6 SATs are done under test conditions and all papers are sent away to be marked externally. The children are well-prepared and have had practice recently, so we try hard to not put any undue pressure on the children. **Year 2 SATs** are less formal and while it is important that the children do their best, we explain that the tests are 'jobs' to check how they are progressing. Year 2 SATs are marked by the teachers.

Year 4 Nepal Theme

Year 4 are currently studying mountains, with a focus on Nepal and the Himalayas. Mr Fry and Mrs Shaw are hoping to invite some Nepalese visitors into school to tell us more about their home country and answer some of the children's questions. If you would be interested in telling the children about life in Nepal – particularly if you have visited the mountains - please get in touch with Mrs Shaw, Mr Fry or Mr Williams. It does not matter if your child is not in Year 4.

Thank you



Please ensure children have correct PE Kit and Forest School Kit in school on the right day – timetable below.



Queens Jubilee Banner Competition!

It is only a few weeks until the Queen's Jubilee and we will be marking the special occasion with a number of exciting activities in school. Next week we will be sending home sheets for a competition run by Tidworth Town Council to design a banner celebrating the Jubilee. Two winners from school will have their designs made into real banners to be displayed around town!



Safeguarding Update – Stranger Danger

Now the evenings are light, children will be playing outside more. If you let your child play outside unsupervised, please speak to them about who they can and can't talk to. It is important that they know what to do if they are approached by a stranger or someone outside their friends and family. For example, not going somewhere with a stranger and not giving them personal information such as where they live or their phone number. If your child takes a mobile phone with them when they go out, please speak to them about how to use this responsibly.

Covid Update

The new advice from Public Health England (from 1st April) says:

- Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home **and not attend school**, avoiding contact with other people.
- If a child has a positive COVID-19 test result **they should stay at home and not attend school for 3 days after the test.**
- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

Please note: the NHS have also updated the list of official Covid-19 Symptoms:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/>

Dates for the Term:

Mon 2nd May – May Bank Holiday, school closed

Thurs 5th May – Year 2 trip to Hillier Gardens

Mon 9th May – Mon 9th to Thurs 12th Year 6 SATS

Thurs 12th May – Year 1 trip to Hillier Gardens

Mon 16th May – Year 6 Snowy Owl Swimming starts

Mon 16th May - Year 2 SATS

Mon 23rd May – Young Voices Trip to O2

Fri 27th May – Last day for May Half Term, Early finish. Times to follow.

Mon 6th Jun – First day back after half term!

Mon 6th Jun – Y6 Pencelli Trip

Mon 4th Jul – Teacher Training Day, school closed to pupils

PE and Forest School Days this term:

Please ensure that children have the correct kit in school for their PE, Forest School and Swimming sessions.

Class	PE	Forest School
YR (Robins and Wrens)	Tuesdays	Tuesdays
Y1 (Skylarks and Nightingales)	Mondays	Mondays
Y2 (Woodpeckers and Kingfishers)	Thursday	Friday
Y3 (Eagles and Merlins)	Friday	Wednesday
Y4 (Ospreys and Kestrels)	Wednesday	
Y5 (Peregrines and Sparrowhawks)	Tuesday	Thursday
Y6 (Tawny and Snowy Owls)	Thursday	