

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear all,

We have had a lovely week in school. I hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful sunshine over the bank holiday. The staff training day last week was really good and focussed on our Primary Writing Project which is all about increasing children's confidence in their ability and approach to writing.

Some of our 5/6 children took part in a Quaddkids competition at Brixington. This involved lots of activities like running and jumping and throwing vortexes. Well done to everyone who took part. It is wonderful the number of children who have represented the school this year in some kind of local sporting event or festival.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the FSU parent activity session. They had a great time doing activities such as bug hunting, den building, making creature creations and picture frames, all in the outdoor environment.

**Message to Yr 6 children**

Your homework this weekend is to do something fun with your family, relax, get some fresh air, smile and laugh. Next week is your SATs and I am not going to say they are not important but I am going to say they only measure a tiny part of what makes you special. I am immensely proud of how hard you have all worked over these last few months but I am even more proud of the caring, responsible young adults you are growing up to be. If I could make a test that graded you on your kindness, thoughtfulness, consideration for others, resilience, compassion and sense of humour you would all pass with flying colours.

Next week do your very best so you can feel proud of your efforts but remember you are much, much, more than the number on a scaled score.

If you can, try and join us for breakfast each morning at 8am in the hall – there will be croissants, cereals, toast, orange juice and maybe even pain au chocolate some days!

Keep smiling, we are all here for you.

**Message from Father Philip**

Please come and celebrate the Church patronal feast on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May - join the first parish Pentecost picnic — carry a Holy Family rucksack, wear one of our t-shirts or wear your St. Joseph's top – bring a picnic and come fly a kite with us! We will leave Holy Ghost after the 11.00 am mass and walk to Sandy Bay cliff top – if you know someone who can't walk that far then please drop them at Sandy Bay and look up - you will see where we are by the kites in the air. Even Fr. Philip has his own kite!!!!

**Date change**

On the diary dates that were sent out at the beginning of this term please can you note that the Public Speaking competition has moved from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm.

**Next week:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Yr 6 Grammar, punctuation and spelling SATs papers 1 and 2

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Nik Nature reptiles in for FSU

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3/4 team Dartmoor 3 ball competition 4-6pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Yr 6 Reading SATs paper

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Yr 6 Maths SATs papers 1 and 2

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Yr 6 Maths paper 3

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost picnic (see above)

**Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support**

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

**Headteacher's Awards:** FSU - Chloe, Jonah, Jake, Rowan - Alfie, Alicia B, Cherry - Alfie, Summer, Nicole

**Gold Award:** Sycamore - Bella E, Owen

**Silver Award:** FSU - Jacob, Daisy, Sycamore - Annie, Rowan - Alicia B, Beech - Poppy, George

**Bronze Award:** Beech - Carmela, Damon, Maisie-Rae

**Stars of the Week:** FSU - Gemma, Sycamore - Rian, Rowan - Niamh, Cherry - Vince, Willow - Indigo, Maple - Maddison & Katie, Beech - Damon

**Breakfast Club Star of the Week:** Nell