



## Principal's Blog

**4<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Firstly thank you for your patience at school drop off and pick up. I have been out with the senior leaders and Mr Brandon, our caretaker, to help and ease the situation where we can. It seems to be working and more importantly, the children are all into school, on time and in lessons by 8.40. The difference to the start of the day and at the end, in the final lessons, has been remarkable. All the parents I have spoken to, have commented that it has been quicker and smoother than they thought it would be, and that for some, who need to get to work in the mornings, the 8.20 start has been helpful.

I noticed that some families are sending in holiday request forms and writing letters asking me to authorise this in term time. I am unable to authorise anything but **EXCEPTIONAL** circumstances, and I have to follow government rules on what these circumstances are. I won't be able to authorise holiday as a general rule, and if this means that your child then has low attendance, that is then picked up by the Educational Welfare Officer and in certain cases, this could mean a fine. I am happy always, to meet you to discuss your individual family decisions if you would like. Please do make an appointment to see me for this.

This week I have been teaching Y6 writing and both myself and the teachers and Mrs Cianciar have been delighted with the quality of writing. We are working hard, but hopefully, without too much stress on the children, towards the SATs. On that note, on the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> May, there will be breakfast for year 6 at 8.25 each day in the hall. Children should arrive as usual and after line-up will go and have cereal and toast to give them a calm and happy start.

The school this week has been great to walk around. I saw art in Y6, story writing in Y1, some great adding and Times Tables Rock Stars in Y5 and Y2 and practice for the maypole dancing at Elstow Fair in the hall. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there and watching our Y3 and 4 children dance.

I wish everyone a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

*Samantha Baxter*

## Diary Dates

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**MAYPOLE DANCING ABBEY GREEN 1.40 – 2.30pm**

### **MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY BANK HOLIDAY**

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> PE Kits for Y1 – 4 – All Star Cricket coaching on site  
Bikeability for Y4 on the playground. Please send in bike locks!

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> In school music Guitar Y4 and French Horn Y5 continues

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 10 – 12 am 30x Y3 and Y4 Multi Skills Sports competition  
@ Kings Oak

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 9am EY and KSI Celebration assembly  
9.30 – 11am EY Teambuilding fun  
9:30 – 2.30 Y5 Singing Playgrounds Training day x30 pupils.  
9 am Falcons swimming

**14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SAT tests, breakfast will be offered to Y6 at 8.30 Monday – Thursday this week in the small hall.**

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> 9.15 – 10. 15Y4 Dance PE Kits today please

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30 – 11.30 am Y4 Bikeability

Wed 23 – 25<sup>th</sup> Y5 Residential @ Bromham

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Y6 and Reception Class Photos  
BFS PE teacher in for Reception PE. (Please send in PE kits)

**Break for half term – 3.30pm (Multi Skills is still on).**