

Bickley Primary School

19 March 2018



National Tests for Yrs 1, 2 and 6

Year 6 parents - please note that SATs week this year is w/b 14th May. Please try to avoid making medical appointments for the mornings of that week.

Year 1 parents - The Year 1 phonics test will take place during the w/b 11th June.

Year 2 parents - Year 2 SATs tests will take place during May. There are no prescribed dates.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents who provided us with additional information on the 3 questions from the parent questionnaire where the responses were unclear:

Homework

As is the case in most schools, half of the responses said there was too much homework, and half said there was not enough. However, there were several favourable comments about longer homework projects for Junior classes.

Additional communication about your child's progress

-Parents wanted their child's progress and attainment to be compared with the average for the school / class

-Parents wanted more information on how to move their children from below expected standard to expected standard or from expected to above expected

-Parents wanted to be able to come in and see their child's work in the classroom

How to support their child's learning at home

-Parents wanted more information on what their child struggles with - especially in maths

- Parents wanted the school to provide more support for children on how to be more resilient

All these views will be discussed by the senior leadership team and plans will be put in place to address them.

MAT (Multi Academy Trust) Update

As you know, Bickley has chosen to join the NEST (Nexus Education Schools Trust) MAT.

Update on progress so far:

-We were hoping to formally convert to academy status on April 1st. However, the legal compliance checks regarding land and property issues are proving complicated due to sharing part of the building with La Fontaine, so the conversion date has now been pushed back to May 1st. This will not make any difference to us in terms of being able to access the support and resources from NEST.

-The Head Teachers from all the NEST schools are spending a day with an Ofsted inspector and a NEST consultant, carrying out a teaching and learning review (a 'mock Ofsted') in a NEST school

-All teachers are moderating work from all the schools with colleagues working in the same year group

-We have looked at topic books from the other schools and are working on developments in history and geography

-NEST is supporting all its schools with the new GDPR requirements (General Data Protection Regulation)

-NEST has recruited a literacy and maths consultant to support all the NEST schools.

Medical Appointments

If at all possible, please can parents try to make routine medical appointments - such as dental check-ups - after the end of the school day. We know that this is not possible for all appointments, but it is difficult for pupils and teachers when children miss part of the teaching during the day and then need to catch up. If an appointment is close to lunch time, please ensure that children come in for the lesson before break. Similarly, please send children back to school after an appointment.

Dates for the Diary:

23/3/18 - Sport Relief

28/3/18 - Easter disco

29/3/18 - Last day of term

16/4/18 - INSET DAY

17/4/18 - Children back to school