

## ***Newsletter – Friday, 17 May 2019***

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **SATs Year 6**

We would like to say a special well done to all the Year 6 pupils who have completed their SATs tests this week. They have all worked very hard leading up to and during the SATs. They have all made great progress and we are very proud of them. I would like to thank all of you for your support with the children at home and thank you to all the staff who have prepared the children and looked after them to help ensure that the SATs week has been a positive experience with minimal stress.

### **SATs Year 2**

Year 2 SATs will be taking place next throughout next week. I hope that all the Year 2 parents found the recent SATs information meeting helpful.

### **Monday Closure**

A reminder that school will close on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 1.15pm in order that staff and children are able to attend the funeral of Caroline Thomas. Please make arrangements for your child to be collected at this earlier time. Thank you for your support with this.

For those who are attending the funeral, the dress code is 'black with a splash of colour'.

### **Year 4 Experience Life in the Victorian Workhouse**

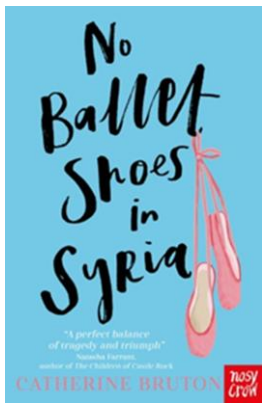
As part of their historical topic on the Victorians, Year 4 have been trying their hand at practical tasks that would have happened in a Victorian Workhouse. It is these 'hands-on' experiences that really bring learning to life for our children.



### **Musical Recording**

Today, the Year 5 pupils have been recording their own version of 'Shotgun' by George Ezra on their clarinets, accompanied by piano, drums and guitar. The performance was recorded by a professional sound engineer. The recording will be sent to George Ezra himself! The children played superbly. You will be able to hear the performance at the school summer concert.





### Catherin Bruton Author Visit

I am delighted to announce that on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be receiving a visit from Catherine Bruton, a children's author. She will be talking to children in Year 5 and Year 6 about her amazing new book 'There Are No Ballet Shoes in Syria'; it is the story of a young refugee making a new life for herself. It is a very touching story and has messages for all of us who find ourselves in unfamiliar places. Catherine will also be running a workshop with our children. We hope that the visit will inspire the children with their reading and writing. The book will be available for sale on the day at a **price of £6.99 (children should bring cash on the day if they would like to buy a copy)** and the children will have a chance to get their book signed by Catherine.

### Gymnastics Even

Yesterday, children from Year 3 and 4 took part in an inter-school gymnastic event. It was a great opportunity for our children to try out the routines they have practised on different apparatus. They enjoyed the trampoline and the foam pit.

### Sun Cream and Hats Once a Day

As the weather is steadily improving, I would like to remind parents to ensure that the children are wearing sun cream. It is much better for school if you are able to apply a 'once daily' layer of sun cream before the children come into school. There are many brands of 'once daily' creams available. Please also remember to ensure that children come into school with a sun hat/cap that they can wear at playtime. Thank you.

### Movie Night Postponement

The PTA 'movie-night' has been postponed until Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, further details to follow nearer the time.

### Bike-ability Awards

Today, the children received their 'bike-ability' awards. It is very pleasing to see the children coming into school on their bikes. It is great to see them wearing helmets and using their cycling skills to keep safe on the roads. Well done to all who took part in the training.

### **Attendance League Table**

Position	Class	Attendance
1	Blue Jay	99%
2	Penguin	96.5%
3	Falcon	94.6%
4	Crow	93.3%
5	Flamingo	92.9%
6	Kingfisher	90.4%
7	Robin	90%
<b>Average</b>		<b>94%</b>

**Absence Tel: 0117 9030383**

### **Dates for the diary**

Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
 Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
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 Week beginning 03<sup>rd</sup> June  
 Thursday 06<sup>th</sup> June  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Year 2 SATs week  
 School closes at 1.15pm for Mrs Thomas's Funeral  
 Year 6 Visit to the 'Life Skills Centre'  
 Handful of Harmonies Choir Performance at St Paul's Church 4.45pm  
 Year 6 Picnic 12-3pm  
 Author Visit - Catherine Bruton Year 5 and Year 6  
 Last day of term  
 Arts Week  
 'Ashton Vale's Got Talent' Event  
 PTA Movie Night

Yours sincerely,  
 James Hollis, Head Teacher

