



# New York Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Did you know?**

May is the fifth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendar and consists of 31 days. May is named after the Greek goddess Maia.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Key Stage 2 SATs:

The SATs for Yr6 start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, as usual we will be organising supplementary breakfast for the Class 2 children. Could you ensure that children in all year groups are on time next week please, as the timetable is very tight and the restrictions placed upon us are very strict. Thank you.

## Maths at Home:

The problem with maths... Is there a problem with maths?

Nationwide, teachers worry that progress in maths is more difficult to achieve than reading and writing, it is certainly a major topic of conversation within our local collaboration of schools... Why?

It is strange, because unlike reading and writing we use the same maths language all around the world, the rules, skills, concepts and vocabulary are universal,  $2 + 5 = 7$  and  $2 \times 3 = 6$  everywhere. As adults, we often hear the phrase, "I was never any good at maths at school". How often do we hear the same said of reading? Maths is a life skill that we use every day in our adult lives, so the learning opportunities we provide in school have to be relevant and real, but without diluting the importance of the mathematics to be learned.

<https://nrich.maths.org/primary/>

<https://uk.ixl.com/>

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/>

## Playground Leaders:



On Tuesday, Mr Haslam (SSB/Thomas Middlecott Academy) come to both Frithville and New York to train our Yr5 pupils as Playground Leaders. They were taught new skills and games to help and support our younger children at break and lunch times.

## New Sports Kit:

We have a brand new sports kit for our New York and Frithville teams, that we will be using for the first time next Friday when we enter two teams in the Yr 5-6 Rounders Tournament at Boston High School. We have bought forty complete kits: shorts, shirts, socks and tracksuits which have all been numbered. When borrowed, could the kits be returned to school washed (30°, not tumble dried) ASAP please. Thank you.



## Headteacher Awards:

<b>Chloe Newbery</b>	Being helpful
<b>Charlie Grant</b>	Brilliant effort at swimming
<b>Harley Denham</b>	Helping younger children
<b>Lily Hurst</b>	Phonics
<b>Corben Place</b>	Reaching above the stars
<b>Olivia Leggett</b>	Independent writing
<b>Seren Evans</b>	Reaching above the stars

## House Point Winners: The Green Emeralds!

### Stars of the Week:

Class 1: Corben Place Class 2: David Househam

## Shining Stars:

<b>Luke Morley</b>	Applying learning in writing
<b>Freyja Newman</b>	Progress in phonics
<b>Mason Denham</b>	Trying hard with his handwriting
<b>Flick Foster</b>	Mature attitude
<b>Kena Johnstone</b>	Progress in English
<b>Kieran Place</b>	Effort in all areas
<b>Lily Hurst</b>	Progress in PE
<b>Harley Hulley</b>	Progress in PE

## Dates for your diary:

<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>KS2 SATs week</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Residential Parents' Meeting 3.10 p.m.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of Term 6
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Residential – Coalbrookdale
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Spare Sports Day
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Summer Fayre 2.00-4.30 p.m.</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports home
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Afternoon 1.15-3.30 p.m.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	End of Term 6

## E-safety:

**Warning Piksa App...**

Yet another 'anonymous' app (similar to Telonym and Sarahah) where, according to the app developers, you can 'ask things you never dared before' and 'get tons of honest messages'. Piksa appears to be quite a new social media app which connects with a Snapchat profile. It is number 10 in the Apple App Store as I write this (there's also a version for Android), just something to keep an eye out for,

**Recommended Free Resources (books) for Primary School Children...**

Children love a story and although there are tons of books out there, here's three you may not have seen before (and they're free to download).

<https://www.andersenpress.co.uk/teaching-resources-for-safer-internet-day/>