

TDA Junior Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2019

Welcome back everyone to the Summer term. I hope that you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the sunshine! There will be lots going on during this busy term and we will send home regular updates on events through letters and newsletters. Please note that a lot of information can also be found on our website www.thomasdeaconacademy.com under the TDAJunior section.

Power Teaching and Learning

As you are aware last term we introduced a new model for teaching Literacy and Maths. The children were all extremely resilient in adapting to the changes and the feedback that we have had from them has been really positive.

"It is easy and people around me help me. The teachers explain well and I understand it better than before".

"It helps me with my learning because we do a lot of work with other people and then do it ourselves".

The engagement of all of the children in their learning is fantastic to see and the work that is being produced is of an excellent standard. We are certain that the Power Teaching model will have a positive impact on progress for all children.

Enrichment Activities Week

Week commencing Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May will be enrichment week for children in years 3, 4 and 5. The week will involve children doing topic work and taking part in extra-curricular activities that are not part of a 'normal' school week. A separate letter will be sent out shortly with all the details.

SATS Week

There are only 9 school days to go until Year 6 will be undertaking their SATs tests week which will begin on Monday 13th May! For this potentially stressful week, please ensure that your child goes to bed at a sensible time and is maintaining a balanced diet.

A reminder that a free breakfast club will be running from 8.15 am – 8.45 am (Monday-Thursday) and is open to all year 6 children. No registration is needed. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

The timetable for the week is as follows:- Monday 13th May – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Tuesday 14th May – Reading, Wednesday 15th May – Maths, Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning and Thursday 16th May - Maths Reasoning.

The children have worked very hard throughout year 6 and I am sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best of luck.



Easter Holiday Fun

During the Easter holiday some children attended our Wow Wednesday Holiday club. We were joined at school by some special guests for our Brazilian themed day, they lead some amazing activities for the children. Peterborough United football club ran a Futsal session, Peterborough Music Hub taught a Samba band lesson, CDC dance company lead a dance workshop and our very own Mrs. Silva helped the children make Brigadeiro Brazilian chocolate balls.



The following week we headed off on the mini bus with a group of children from years 3 and 4 for a wonderful sunny day at Hamerton Zoo park. The children had an extra special treat at the Zoo as they were able to meet a skunk, an owl and a snake which some children were even brave enough to hold! A big thank you to Ms. Joiner, Miss. Fishpool, Miss. Richards and Mrs. Silva who helped to make both days extra special.



Free School Meals

As parent or carer of a child at our school, you may be entitled to a free school meal every day for your child. This could represent a daily amount of £2.30, making approximate savings of £418 per child, per school year. Not only will this saving benefit you as a family, but also helps to support our school. We receive additional government funding of £1320 per year, per child who receive free school meals. Even if your child would prefer packed lunch but your family qualifies for the benefit your application will contribute to a well-resourced environment for your child to learn in.

A pupil whose parent/carer receives any of the following benefits may be entitled to a Free School Meal:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA(IB))
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA (IR))
- Child Tax Credit (CTC), **provided you do not also receive Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, that does not exceed £16,190*
- Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

We are happy to help you achieve this saving and an application form is attached for you to complete if you feel you qualify.

The application must be completed by the person in receipt of the benefit and completed in full. Please return your completed application form to the reception at school. Norfolk County Council will be in touch with regards to outcome of the application.

Dates for the diary:-

Y6 SATS Week – Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May

Y3, Y4 and Y5 Enrichment Week – Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May

Year 4 Museum trip Victorian Day – Friday 17th May

Y3 visit to Flag Fen – Wednesday 22nd May

Half term week – Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Y6 Kingswood Residential – Monday 10th June – Wednesday 12th June

Y6 Wicksteed Park Trip - Monday 1st July and Tuesday 2nd July

New Year 3 Welcome Evening – Tuesday 2nd July

New Year 3 Move Up Days – Wednesday 3rd July and Thursday 4th July

Sports Day – Wednesday 17th July

End of Summer term – Friday 19th July

Kind regards

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Head of Juniors