

North Tawton Community School Newsletter Friday 24th January 2020

Theme
Heroes

Courage
Imaginative

Dear Parents and Carers

Standard Assessment Tests

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our presentation on a bitterly cold evening. SATs are the Standard Assessment Tests that are used to evaluate your child's educational progress at the end of Year Two and Year Six. They make comparisons between the children against the average attainment expectations for their respective age group

Key Stage 1 SATs take place in May in Year Two. The assessments are carried out by the child's teacher and evaluate ability in reading, writing, spelling, handwriting and maths.

Key Stage 2 SATs are a more formal process than Key Stage 1 and take place in the May of Year 6. The tests cover Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

These tests are both set marked externally, and the results are used to measure the school's performance (for example, through reporting to OFSTED and published league tables). Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with the teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment. You will be given your child's scaled score and whether they have reached the expected standard set by the Department of Education ('NS' means that the expected standard was not achieved and 'AS' means the expected standard was achieved).

Please see the attached parents' guide to KS2 SATs.

Literary Heroes

These are our selected **literacy heroes**. The display board is filling up with the fantastic photos you are sending in of your children enjoying the books written by these authors.

To continue our drive to raise standards in reading and to make sure our children read everyday we have started our new competition. Mrs Ware announced the new initiative and encouraged to children to take part in our Friday assembly. We are looking forward to seeing the entries. The chosen winners will receive a prize. So please do try to go to the local library in Okehampton and get involved.



Monday 27th
Y2/3
Gym and Dance Festival
Tuesday 28th
FSU
Search and Rescue to visit

Wednesday 29th
West Devon Final
Selected Y5/6

FONTS

Wednesday 29th
MM Productions
Sleeping Beauty
Nursery-Y6

Thank you FONTS we are
looking forward to this show!

A fantastic buzz around the school is how our Governors described the feeling as they made a visit earlier in the week. The children spoke to them with confidence and enthusiasm, answering questions and talking to them about their learning. The children were very engaging and were keen to share their experiences and their work. We are super proud of them and are pleased they have such a focussed and positive attitude to learning.

Aim Aspire Achieve

Office News – Mrs Adams and Mrs Cassels



Please... park with consideration to others. We are experiencing problems in Strawberry Fields. Parents are blocking local residents drives and driving over grassed areas. Please be considerate.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Miss Chauhan

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NEWSPAPERS