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Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter

May is a busy month for a number of our children; it is SATs time. I would like to take this opportunity to wish our year 6 and year 2 children all the best for the upcoming exams. I know that they have all worked exceptionally hard and will all do their very best to achieve their full potential. Please keep an eye on our events dates – the summer term sees a number of trips out of school as well as our annual May Day celebration and Sports Day.

Kate Cleaver

Principal

YEAR 6 TESTS

8-11 May

Y5 SCHOOL NURSE TALK

10 May

MAY DAY CELEBRATION

2.45pm

Fri 26 May

YEAR 2 TESTS

W/C 15 May

SQUIRRELS TRIP

17 May

TERM DATES

LAST DAY: 26 May

FIRST DAY: 5 June

Pupils of the Week



Each week the class teachers will nominate a:

- Super Squirrel
- Happy Hedgehog
- Brilliant Badger
- Outstanding Owl

The children are chosen for consistently demonstrating the Ecton values of Resilience, Kindness, Co-operation and Engagement. They are recognised for their excellent attitude in all areas of school life. As a reward, they have lunch with Mrs Cleaver. We have our own special table and receive waitress service.

We will let you know which children have been truly amazing in our fortnightly news.



"I look forward to my lunches very much each week - it is a lovely opportunity to chat to the children more informally and hear what they have to say." *Kate Cleaver*



BENNIE & NEIL



ALESSANDRO & BROOKE



KATIE-MAE & AVA



SAM & HALLE



ClassDojo

You may have heard your children talking about Dojos in school. Everyone plays an important role in creating a positive school community and Dojos are helping us do that. The class Dojo encourages and rewards our school values. Each child has their own Dojo (a small character) and they are awarded points for resilience, kindness, co-operation and helpfulness. Children are also given Dojos for completing homework tasks and having good attendance. Ask your child(ren) and they will tell you all about them!





Please join us

FOR OUR

SCHOOL

MAY



Ecton Village
PRIMARY ACADEMY

DAY

CELEBRATION

26th May | 2.45pm | At Ecton Village School

End of Key Stage Assessments

Year 2 and Year 6 Tests

May is an important month for our children in year 2 and year 6. All children in these year groups will sit external tests in reading and maths. If your child is in one of these year groups you will have already been invited to an after school session led by the class teacher, but if you have any further questions, please do pop in and see us.

[Click here](#) to view the Year 6 Revision page on our website

It is really important that your child is in school on time on the morning of each of the examinations. While we do not want to make you, or your child overly anxious about these tests, we are keen that the children are fresh and alert. An early night and a nutritious breakfast helps to ensure that the children are able to perform to the best of their ability.

Important Dates - Year 6

Date	Activity
Monday 8 May	English Reading
Tuesday 9 May	English Grammar, punctuation and Spelling Paper 1
	English Grammar punctuation and Spelling Paper 2
Wednesday 10 May	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic
	Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 11 May	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning

Important Dates - Year 2

The year 2 children will sit their tests during the week commencing Monday 15 May and it is very important that they are in all day, every day that week please.



Head Lice and Nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair, and are usually picked up by head-to-head contact.

Check if it's head lice

Head lice are small insects, up to 3mm long. They can be difficult to spot.

Head lice eggs (nits) are yellow, brown or white (empty shells) and attached to the hair.

Head lice sometimes can make your head feel:

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice or eggs. You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

How to get rid of head lice

You can treat head lice without seeing your GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house, and treat them on the same day if they have head lice.

There's no need to keep your child off school with head lice.

Use lotion or spray to treat head lice

You can use medicated lotions and sprays that kill head lice in all types of hair, including afro hair. You can buy these from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly-hatched lice. Check the pack to see whether they're okay for you or your child to use and how long they should be left in the hair.

If lotions or sprays don't work, speak to your pharmacist about other treatments.

If you don't want to use chemicals

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

You can't prevent head lice

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can reduce the risk of lice spreading by avoiding head-to-head contact.

Don't use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. This can irritate the scalp.

There's no need for children to stay off school, or to wash laundry on a hot wash.



Parents' Guide to Apps

Although child-friendly apps can make using the internet a more accessible and enjoyable experience, the thousands of apps available for different types of people mean it's important to make sure children use appropriate ones.

Social Networking

Social networks allow young people to maintain social relationships with school friends, distant friends or online friends they've never met. This section looks at the world of social networking apps and some of the risks they may pose for children. Parents should be aware of some issues with social networking apps.

Sharing information

Many apps work on the basis of identity or phone number information. In many cases apps don't always let you know that this information is being used, meaning children could be sharing personal information. As well as on the social networks themselves, privacy and security settings are available on most devices.

Cyberbullying

Smartphones allow people to take photos and share them instantly on their social networks or post information about someone online in seconds. Sometimes this can mean young people are even more vulnerable to episodes of cyberbullying.

Explicit content

Although most apps now go through a process of classification and are rated based the type of content they contain, all apps are available to download by anyone who has a password to the app store.

This may expose children to explicit content, sometimes without their parents knowing. Some of this content can be illegal or simply inappropriate for children as it's meant for adults.

Spending money

Apps can cost money to buy from the app store – and some of them can be very expensive.

Some of the 'free' apps make their money in different ways, by encouraging you to spend money when using the app. This can mean that bills quickly build up without you even realising it.

Hiding content

Some apps have been created with the specific purpose of allowing the user to hide content within them. These decoy apps can protect personal information from strangers but also allow people to hide content they don't want anyone else to see.

Please ensure that you regularly monitor your children's use of all devices that can access the internet. If you would like support with this, please just ask and we will be happy to help.



Notices & Upcoming Events

Our Morning Routine

Can you please ensure that children arrive no later than 8:50 so that they can be registered and in assembly on time. Thank you for your support with this.

May Day Celebration

This year's May Day Event will be held at 2:45 on the afternoon of Friday 26 May. All children will be involved in the event and it will be lovely to see as many of our families as possible.

School Nurse

The school nurse will be coming in on Wednesday 10 May to talk to our Year 5 children.

Squirrels Trip

Squirrels Class will be visiting West Lodge Farm on Thursday 17 May.

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