

# HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday. As you are probably aware this is a particularly busy term in Year 6 but also a very enjoyable one.

SATs week commences on the 9<sup>th</sup> May and lasts for 4 days - a full time table is included below. The children have worked very hard across the curriculum and I am sure each individual will do themselves justice.

In preparation we will be having a practice SATS morning on the 28<sup>th</sup> April. The intention is less about the assessment and more about familiarising the children with what they will experience during the actual tests. Leading up to this we will continue with the classroom routine much the same as normal. This will include swimming lessons which commence on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April for ten weeks (including SATs week). Preparation for SATs is very important and the children will be revising key topics from across the curriculum. This will be supported by homework tasks in grammar, comprehension and mathematics.

One of the key changes to the curriculum in mathematics is the introduction of the arithmetic paper. On the whole the class has shown amazing progress in this area throughout the year, however, if your child does still have difficulty in any of the calculation methods, please take a little time to talk through any problems they are having.

Following SATS and before half term we will be embarking on our school journey to Snowdonia. Of course this is a very exciting time and a wonderful experience for the children - the perfect way to cement memories from their time at Skyswood. As you are probably aware this year we will be accompanied by Mr Bridle, Mrs Casson and Mrs Hinrichs. Together we have established a packed itinerary, with many exciting activities, which I look forward to sharing with you on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7 pm.

This term will also see Years 5 & 6 perform at The Sandpit Theatre on 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June. The production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' is a wonderful opportunity for any budding actors to perform at a fantastic venue. Following the lead from previous years, curriculum disruption will be kept to a minimum with those enjoying major parts required to attend breakfast / afterschool rehearsals. Auditions will take place over the next two weeks.

Whether it be the trip to Snowdonia, the school production, the trip to Legoland, the 'Leavers Assembly', Hoodies or the 'Leavers Barbeque' it is our intention to make your child's final term at Skyswood as fantastic as possible and create memories that will last a lifetime. They are a wonderful class and it has been my absolute pleasure being their class teacher this year. I hope this term will be one to remember!

Grant Jones

## Key Dates

26 <sup>th</sup> April	Snowdonia Presentation 7pm
28 <sup>th</sup> April	SATs Practice
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 May	SATs Week
28 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Pirates of the Curry Bean Y5/Y6 Performance
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Trip to Legoland and Leavers BBQ
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Assembly at 9.15 am

## SATs Week 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May

	Morning
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Reading Test</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Grammar, Punctuation &amp; Spelling Test Paper 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Maths Test Paper 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Maths Test Paper 3</b>