

King Offa Primary Academy Newsletter ~ May 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another very busy term for all of us at King Offa. The main focus has been on the SAT's tests that year six have taken. The results of these are used by secondary schools to allocate children to classes and provide a measure by which the effectiveness of our school is judged. We work very hard to strike the right balance between treating these tests with the importance they deserve whilst not putting pressure on the children who have to take them. I'm pleased to say that the week of the tests went very smoothly and the children did their very best. We are looking forward to receiving the results which will be published in early July.

We are looking forward to opening the swimming pool after half term and once

again every child in every class will have the opportunity to take part in swimming lessons provided by our qualified teacher. It is fantastic to be able to offer our children the chance to learn to swim but it is also very expensive to run and maintain the pool. We don't ask for a parental contribution but we will be holding a sponsored swim in term 6. Please help us to keep the pool running by encouraging your child to take part.

In the centre pages of this newsletter you will find an update about the plans to improve the playground on the Down road side of the school and some other works that will be taking place over the summer holidays.

Enjoy half term,

James Freeston - *Headteacher*



Swimming

Our school swimming pool will be open to start swimming lessons on Monday 1st June.

Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 - 10.00		RED/BLUE	ORANGE	PURPLE	
10.00 - 11.00	HAWKS	RED/BLUE	MAGPIES	EAGLES	KESTRELS
11.00 - 12.00	JACKDAWS	RED/BLUE	RAVENS	YELLOW	GREEN

Please make sure your child brings a named swimming costume, towel and swimming hat in a bag. Please ensure girls wear a one piece swimming costume – no bikinis. Swimming hats can be purchased from the school office for £1. All items should be clearly marked with your child's name. Earrings must be removed for swimming. If necessary please provide a verruca sock for your child.



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As you know we are planning some exciting work to our playground to make sure that children at King Offa have the best facilities available to them. This project has coincided with King Offa being asked to have three classes in reception in September instead of the normal two. We are now working with East Sussex County Council to plan the installation of a temporary classroom and agree the timescales. Once this is done we will be able to go ahead with our playground improvements.



The advantages of taking the extra class are set out below. All of these points will be fully funded by ESCC,

- Extra funding for the school
- Refurbishment of the key stage one toilets
- Installation of a ramp from Blue class so children can get outside directly from their classroom

An enlarged outside area for our foundation stage classes



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'Facebook King Offa Primary Academy'.

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 21st May – Last Day of Term 5
- Friday 22nd May – INSET Day
- Monday 1st June – First Day of Term 6, Swimming Starts
- Thursday 11th June – Foundation Stage trip to Sharnfold Farm
- Monday 15th June – Phonics screening tests – Year 1
- Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th June - Yrs 5 & 6 Blackland Farm Residential Trip
- Wednesday 1st July – Sports Day
- Friday 3rd July – Bexhill High Transition Day – Year 6
- Tuesday 14th July – Paragon Spectacular at Winter Gardens, Eastbourne
- Friday 17th July – 9:00am Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Tuesday 21st July – End of Term 6
- Monday 7th September – Start of Academic Year 2015/2016



New Phone Number? Moved house?

If you have changed any of your contact details recently please complete the form below and return to the office. Thank you.

Child's name and class:

Address:

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Phone Email:

Mobile: