



Tarporley

Church of England
Primary School

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Tuesday Mail

SATS in school

Next week children from Y2 to Y6 will be sitting formal tests. Apart from Y6, these tests are given and marked by our staff. While the test scores are a useful guide, they are used as one tool alongside a range of other assessments. The test scores are not reported directly to you, but used to inform staff about current levels that a child is working at. This means that the score reported to you in their end of year report is an assessment by the teacher, using a range of information.

In Y6 the test score is marked externally, then recorded and reported nationally to make judgements about the performance of schools and children over time. It is this reliance on one type of assessment and the use of that data that has led to this year's boycott by some schools.

All primary schools are now working towards a systematic approach to assessment over time in Reading, Writing and Maths, with judgements made against national standards. This system looks to be a potential replacement for the current testing regime. There has been much talk about education policy recently and we await the outcome of this week's election to see what the future holds for our children.

The Old Police Station

This property is about to undergo some major works. It is situated at the end of Park Road and there will be some disruption to the use of the road over the next couple of months. There will be a skip on the roadside for a few weeks, meaning that parking may be difficult at times. The owner has asked neighbours and those who use our school for patience and understanding while the work is carried out.

Tarporley Funday

The Storehouse Church are hosting a free Funday on Saturday 15th May with lots of activities and food for all the family. The event lasts from 1pm-4pm.

Marathon Day

Our thanks to Cathy Hemingbrough for organising today's events. She would like to thank all those who have helped her raise funds for Barnados. A representative of the charity visited today to talk about how the funds are used.

Noticeboard

The NSPCC will collect the sponsor money raised by the Spelling Lists next Tuesday. The envelopes can be posted in the boxes in each class.

*As we have had a recent case of **Chicken Pox** at school, a reminder that children should remain off school until 5 days after the spots appear.*

The closing date for our budding chefs in Y4/5/6 to design a menu for Peckforton Castle, is this Friday 7th May.

Next Friday 14th May is the PTA Film Night, showing "How to Train your Dragon"

When ordering **school dinners**, please remember that the order form is cut up to provide the dinner ticket. This means that **one form must be completed for each child**. It also means that the form needs to be filled in with the name and class on for each day they have chosen a meal, otherwise their ticket does not have this information on, leading to lots of confusion!

PTO for an invitation to the Official Opening of the New orchard Garden at the Done Room!