



# Grestone Gazette

## Summer : Edition 3

"You have plenty of courage, I am sure," answered Oz. "All you need is confidence in yourself. There is no living thing that is not afraid when it faces danger. The true courage is in facing danger when you are afraid, and that kind of courage you have in plenty." - *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum

**14th May**—Y6 SATs Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar  
**15th May**—Year 6 SATs English Reading  
**16th May**—Year 6 SATs Maths Papers  
**17th May**—Year 6 SATs Maths Paper  
**22nd May**—YPP BCU visit  
**25th May**—School closes for half term (3:15pm)

**4th June**—Pupils return to school  
**6th June**—Year 2 Trip to Warwick Castle  
**11th June**—Year 4 Trip to Sea Life Centre  
**20th June**—Class Groups & Leavers photos  
**21st June**—Year 2 Pirates Day  
**29th June** – YPP Trip

### Year 6 SATs

Next week, Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs. Please can we remind parents/carers to ensure that Year 6 pupils arrive to school on time and prepared to sit these very important examinations. The times for each test are as follows:

<b>English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test</b> Paper 1: short answer questions (45 minutes)	<b>Monday 14th May</b>	<b>AM</b>
<b>English Reading Test</b> Paper 1: Reading comprehension (60 minutes)	<b>Tuesday 15th May</b>	<b>AM</b>
<b>Mathematics</b> Paper 1: arithmetic (30 minutes) Paper 2: reasoning (40 minutes)	<b>Wednesday 16th May</b>	<b>AM</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Thursday 17th May</b>	<b>AM</b>

Separate letters with further details have been given to all Year 6 pupils today.

### Hamstead Hall Forest School Change of Days

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, **5 Aardvark and 5 Gazelle** will go to Forest School

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May **all Year 6 classes** will go to Forest School

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May, **4 Antelope and 4 Leopard** will go to Forest School

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May **all Year 6 classes** will go to Forest School

Please ensure that pupils bring their kit in on the correct day.



### Reception 2018/2019

We still have Reception places available for September 2018. If you know any children born between September 2013 and August 2014 who still have not received a Reception place, please encourage them to apply urgently to the local authority by calling **0121 675 0555**.

### Parent Pay—Pay Point Cards

Please note that Pay Point cards for Parent Pay will only add money on to your child's school meal account. If you wish to pay for alternative activities you must use the relevant letter sent home with the barcode at the bottom. Any queries, please contact the office.

### Royal Wedding Non-School Uniform Day—Friday 18th May 2018

On Saturday 19th May 2018 Prince Harry and Meghan Markle will be married at St George's Chapel in Windsor. In order to celebrate this very happy occasion, Grestone Academy will be holding a non-school uniform day on Friday 18th May. We would like to encourage children to come in to school wearing patriotic colours (red, white and blue). Pupils will do their normal school work activities during the morning sessions but will be having royal wedding parties in their classrooms in the afternoon.

We would like to stress to parents/carers that this should be a free event; we do not want parents to go out and buy a whole new outfit for their children! Jeans will be allowed. We will not be collecting any money for this non-school uniform day but we would appreciate any party food contributions from parents (no fizzy pop or glass bottles, please).



Well done to the following children. They will be receiving certificates in the celebration assembly the on Monday 14th May

Nursery	Rhinos	1 Elephant	2 Cheetah	3 Kudu	4 Buffalo	5 Aardvark	6 Impala
Samiem	Tia	Isabella	Azzan	Jahdell	Julia	Mikel	Chago
Malaika	Krish	Kushi	Jhenayah	Isha	Areeb	Zara	Melissa
Meerkats	1 Zebra	2 Crocodile	3 Gecko	4 Antelope	5 Gazelle	6 Oryx	
Zain	Ismaeel	Laxsh	Nairra	Annalese	Ksawery	Amilea	
Jaskaran	Sonal	Khulud	Wojciech	Amira	\samun	Tamia	
Panthers	1 Camel	2 Giraffe	3 Lemur	4 Leopard	5 Eland	6 Wildebeest	
Mehak	Abubakr	Oliwia	Amira	Simreet	Valerica	Andrei	
Armando		Ruquaiya	Aryan	Ishaan	Habeeba	Zdenka	

## Congratulations

### 4 Antelope!



### Attendance

Well done to **4 Antelope** who had the best attendance for the second week running with 97.8%! A massive well done to all of the pupils in 5 Eland—we are really proud! The whole school attendance this week was 93.83%.

Thank you to all parents who continue to get your children in to school on time every day. We are however finding that an increasing amount of parents are requesting leave of absence during term time. Therefore, we would like to reiterate that only in exceptional circumstances are we allowed to authorise leave in term time and Birmingham City Council are continuing to issue fines to parents who choose to ignore the law. Grestone Academy are committed to improving school attendance but in order to achieve this objective we require the support and cooperation of all our parents.