



WEEKLY FOCUS

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**If the purpose for learning is to score well on a test,
We've lost sight of the real reason for learning!**

Dear Parents

Weekly Theme

This week's theme is '**Doing My Best**' which is highly appropriate for the year 6 SATs tests.



We all know that we are not good at everything. For example, when I was at school I was pretty good at English and Maths but my design and technology skills were seriously lacking.

When I took my completed Oxo cube dispenser home to my mum her face was a picture and it was at this moment that I realised this was not the route I would take.

All we ask of our children is to try. To never give up. Don't accept I can't from your child- you may not be able to do it today but with hard work and determination you might be able to do it tomorrow.

SATs Tests

As you already know, this year's SATs tests are more rigorous than ever and we really must congratulate your children for their tremendous effort and positive attitudes. There has been much controversy surrounding these tests, but as to whether or not we feel they are appropriate... that is a whole debate in itself. We do not want you to dwell on these tests or think that the results will define your child because they do not test or recognise that your child:

- Is a credit to you
- Has made tremendous progress
- Has worked SO hard this year
- Has been determined and never given up
- Is unique and special
- Has maybe found it hard, but still persevered
- Makes us smile
- Is kind & caring
- Has matured into a wonderful, young adult

Well done year 6 we are incredibly proud of you!

We have a very active couple of weeks ahead of us:

Next week in the National Campaign – '**Walk to School Week**'. The children will be issued with a card to collect a sticker for each day they walk to school. If you live too far away or continue on to work, perhaps consider parking a little further away from school and walk part of the journey.

Mr Vaughan is also launching a '**Reache the Peake**' Challenge! The earth is being orbited by Tim Peake, who has been inspiring the children of Calmore to reach for the stars. Mr Vaughan is challenging the children to collectively cover the distance between earth and the International Space Station a distance of 400km. Each child will be issued with a card book to record their distance. The children who cover the most distance will receive a 'Teacher Do My Homework Pass', giving everyone the incentive to do their best!

The following week:

Sports 4 Schools



We welcome GB Olympic Diver Pete Waterfield to the school on **Wednesday, 25 May**. The children have seen a DVD presentation explaining how the afternoon will run. He will be leading a **sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils**, and will follow-up with a talk and question and answer session.

Letters and sponsor forms have gone home to explain more and to ask for money collected to be sent into school on 1st June – However this is half term, if we could ask that money is sent in on Monday 6th June (the first day back) that would be wonderful – Money raised will go help us improve our PE resources.

The main aim of the event is to **inspire the pupils** to take up sport generally, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their **passion in life**.

Sports Day - Thursday 26 May

Starting at 9am, you and all the family/friends are most welcome to come along to watch, cheer and applaud. You are also welcome to stay on site with your child for a picnic lunch.

As in the past we are running a parent vs staff relay race, so don't be shy come forward for this fun run, the children find it very amusing!



Reminder children to wear their house colours:

Phoenix – Red

Salamander – Blue

Unicorn – Yellow

Griffin – Green



Photographs are welcome, but please remember NOT to put photographs of other people's children on social media sites, thank you.

Refreshments will be available and raffle tickets will also be on sale.

Brainteaser

Last week's answer: Stop Imagining

This week's question: The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?

Lisa Marshall – Headteacher

IT'S COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL!

LAST WEEKS CLASS
ATTENDANCE WINNERS WERE:

Milne @ 100% ☺

Keep up the good attendance!

Our Learning

Year 3: In extraordinary English we wrote a caption for our non-chronological report about Fishbourne Roman Palace. We also wrote our hot write that was an action story. This week we are publishing our leaflets.

In maths we have been finding change from adding up at our Calmore Café. We found change from £10 & £5. We also partitioned pounds into pounds and pence.

In topic we have been looking at different versions of the reasons why the Romans invaded Britain which they called Britannia.

We look forward to showing our parents our Roman work at our **Exit Point on Thursday at 2.30pm.**

Please come and see!

Year 4: This week in literacy we have begun to learn about newspaper reports and what features there are in them.

In maths we have been learning about fractions and dividing numbers by 10 and 100.

Next week: In literacy we will be writing our own newspaper report about the sinking of the Titanic.

In maths we will be learning about equivalent fractions and adding fractions with the same denominator.

Year 5: In literacy last week we wrote our evaluation stories and we shared them with year 3. This week we have started to write newspaper reports about The Blitz, linked to our new topic. We will continue this next week.

In maths last week we learnt about Roman numerals. This week we have started learning about negative numbers and solving problems. Next week we will be solving addition and subtraction problems.

In topic this week we have been learning about different experiences of The Blitz. Next week, we will be using all we have learnt about World War II to write a non-chronological report.

Year 6: So let's think. What have we done these last few days...ah yes. SATS! But actually, our teachers have been right; they've been ok really. All the hard work and preparation has meant that so far, we've taken them in our stride. One more to go and then they're done.

Aside from the tests, we've been making videos that combine our Amazon Rainforest poems with images and music to portray the wonders of nature and terrors of the deforestation taking place there.

The sun is now shining and as Spring rolls into Summer, the next few weeks look bright. There is lots to look forward to - an end of year production, Tile Barn and an exciting money making project. Let's get tomorrow out of the way and then watch us go!!!

Reminders & Prompts:

Dinner Money now - £2.10 per day

Data Sheets

Coming home today is year 4 & 5 data checking sheets, please complete these and return to the school office by next Friday 20 May, thank you.

Reply Slips Needed For:

Tag Rugby competition. (Year 4)

Data checking sheets

Tile Barn

Thank you to those parents that have been prompt with the final payments. If you still owe money please pop into the office with the money as soon as possible.

Rock Challenge – Ticket orders have been placed. If you ordered an extra ticket, please pop into the office and pay, thank you.

PE KITS

Please make sure your child's kit is in school every day and is named!

CJSA NEWS

The CJSA will be selling ice creams each Friday afterschool at 3pm.

We will also be holding a cake sale on Wednesday 25 May at 3pm.



STARTING AT CALMORE JUNIOR SCHOOL SOON...



Triple P

Positive Parenting Programme

Provides a variety of strategies to get the best behaviour from our children and create a happy environment at home in a friendly relaxed way. This is free seven week programme, the first five sessions we meet weekly as a group

Starting Wednesday 25th May 2016
Held at Calmore Junior School
09.15am – 11.30am

For more information contact Louise Evans,
Parent Support Adviser on 07939008162
Places are limited, booking is essential



Dates for your Diary



Yr 3 Topic Exit Invitation (2.30pm)	Thur 12 May
Walk to School Week	16 – 20 May
Class 5HS - Swim	Mon 16 May
R C Rehearsal:Animals, OLadies, Trees, SW, backstage	Mon 16 May
Class 5LD – Swim	Thur 19 May
Class Photos	Mon 23 May
Class 5HS - Swim	Mon 23 May
R C Rehearsal:Sweets, H & G, Witches, backstage	Mon 23 May
Sport 4 schools – Pete Waterfield Visit	Wed 25 May
CJSA cake sale 3pm	Wed 25 May
Class 5LD – Swim (pm)	Thur 26 May
Sports Day (am)	Thur 26 May
Year 4 Exit point 2.30pm	Fri 27 May
Half Term Break	30 May–3Jun
E Safety parents evening 5pm	Thurs 9 June
Yr 6 Tile Barn Residential	6 – 10 June
Yr 3 Hilliers Trip	Mon 6 June
Class 5HS - Swim	Mon 6 June
R C Rehearsal: All dancers & Backstage (not Yr 6)	Mon 6 June
Class 5LD – Swim	Thurs 9 June
Queens Birthday Celebration (info to follow)	Fri 10 June
Class 5HS - Swim	Mon 13 June
R C Rehearsal: All dancers & Backstage	Mon 13 June
Yr 6 Southampton University Visit	Wed 15 June
Governors Award Evening (5pm)	Wed 15 June
Class 5LD – Swim	Thur 16 June
Class 5HS – Swim	Mon 20 June
R C Rehearsal: All dancers & Backstage	Mon 20 June
Rock Challenge – Portsmouth Final (all day)	Wed 22 June
Class 5LD – Swim	Thur 23 June
Class 5HS – Swim (last session)	Mon 27 June
Class 5LD – Swim (last session)	Thur 30 June
CJSA Non-Uniform Day	Thur 30 June
School Closed – Inset Day	Fri 1 July
Yrs 2 - 6 Induction Day	Tues 5 July
Yrs 2 - 6 Induction Day	Wed 6 July
Yr 2 new parents meeting 6pm	Wed 6 July
Yr 6 Induction Day – Testwood	Thur 7 July
Yr 6 Induction Day – Testwood	Fri 8 July
Yr 6 Production (6pm)	Tues 12 July
Yr 6 Production (6pm)	Wed 13 July
Helpers Thank you Coffee/Tea (9.15)	Thurs 14 July
CJSA Summer Fayre (3.15pm)	Mon 18 July
Choir Show (1.30pm & 5pm)	Tues 19 July
Last Day	Wed 20 July



We have a lot on offer for you to enjoy this weekend with Rosemary Lethbridge, school Governor and leader of the

Watering Hole Community Church:

Saturday 14th May - Messy Church

here in the school hall 11.00-12.30 on the subject of friendship with lots of fun things to do including table football, three legged races and crafts. Finishes with a free lunch 12.30-1.00pm.

Also on Saturday afternoon:

Guided Walk and Duck Racing

We will be having a walk in the Forest on Saturday afternoon followed by duck racing down one of the forest streams with plastic ducks. The kids (big and little) enjoy the racing and splashing around in the water.

It is a good idea to have wellies and probably a change of clothes for the younger ones.

For the walk we will be leaving Calmore Community Centre at 2.00pm

or if you know where Puttles Bridge is (on Rhinefield Drive) you could meet us there.

If you only want to do the duck racing come direct to Puttles Bridge for a 4.30pm start.

All ducks are provided but there is a 50p donation to charity per duck.

If the weather is good why not bring a picnic and a chair and join us for tea afterwards.

Please Give Blood
“Testwood Baptist Church
Totton”
Monday 16th May
12:15-15:30 & 16:20-19:00

Please make an appointment today by calling **0300 123 23 23** or visit: **blood.co.uk**
Download our App: **NHSGIVEBLOOD**

PLEASE TAKE CARE WHEN DRIVING YOUR CAR AROUND THE SCHOOL AREA & THANK YOU FOR NOT DRIVING THROUGH THE GATES & PARKING OR SMOKING ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Please pass this on to your family members

And finally.....

Don't forget its walk to school week next week!