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# The Kymbrook Key

*Hello everyone*

*Welcome to another Kymbrook newsletter. We have had such a busy few weeks, with lovely events and lots of learning! Remember the class blogs section of our website is a great place to see updates from classes.*

*Thank you for all your support this half term. I wish you all a restful break and then we go again ready for the last 7 weeks of the year. How has that happened?*

*Mrs Smith*

## National tests

This time of year brings with it a range of national assessments. As some of you may know, we have recently completed SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) week for our Year 6 pupils. Y2 have also completed some SATs, although these are done within class in a much more informal way. Unlike the Y6 SATs, they are marked within school and are part of the teacher's assessment of the children and how they are currently working in reading, writing and maths.

WELL DONE Year 6 and Year 2, you have been fabulous!

In June, Y1 pupils (and a small number of Y2s) will take a phonics screener. This checks the children's knowledge of sounds and their ability to blend and segment, which is taught every day in phonics lessons. Also in June, our Y4 pupils take the MTC (Multiplication Tables Check). This is a recently introduced test and it reinforces the importance of children being as confident as they can be with their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Y4. I know that Y4 have been working so hard to get times tables cracked! Well done to you all.

We will share the results of any relevant tests in your child's annual report, which will be coming out later in July.

## Reminders

Just a couple of reminders please:

- Long hair should be tied back for school.
- Now that the warmer weather has arrived, please ensure your child has a hat with them, a water bottle and that you have applied sun cream. We are fortunate in that we have areas of shade on both our playground and field, but children are still exposed to the sun, particularly in the middle of the day. If sun cream needs to be reapplied during the day, then please help your child learn how to do this, as staff are not able to do it. Thank you.

## Holidays in term time

In the last few weeks, I have had an increase in the number of requests for holiday leave in term time. I need to remind you that I am only able to authorise absence from school in **exceptional** circumstances. Wanting to leave early for a holiday or take holidays at a particular time of year is not exceptional and as such children will have this absence recorded as unauthorised.

## Nurture pod

If you have been on the playground in the last few days, you will have noticed a new shed. This has been made possible due to a general donation from SDC Builders. We have exciting plans to make this into a 'Nurture pod' over the coming weeks.



## Sunflowers

As you are aware, your child has recently brought home a sunflower seed. We would love you to see if your child can nurture their seed as Keysoe Village Show are having a competition for the largest sunflower head. The village show is held on the first Saturday in September. The show entry booklet hasn't yet been released, but we will let you know the details of how to get a copy once we hear.

In the meantime, nurture those sunflowers!

## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Children back to school
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Children in Y5 and 6 start swimming lessons. Every Tuesday until the end of term, except for 4 <sup>th</sup> July.
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8 pupils from Y5/6 to an athletics event at the Bedford International Athletics Stadium. Details have been sent out to those pupils selected.
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	All children in Y3-6 to walk to the church in Keysoe for a visit. This will have an RE, local history and local geography focus. Please could ALL children in Y3-6 bring a packed lunch that day. Remember water bottles too and hats/coats depending on the weather.
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y1/2 children to a Multi-sports event at Riseley Primary School (p.m.) <i>PLEASE NOTE: the date for this event has been changed. We originally told you it was on the Tuesday, but is now Wednesday.</i>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y5/6 Girls football (1 team of 12) at Biddenham School (a.m.) <i>PLEASE NOTE: we have had to pull out of this event as we now have swimming lessons at this time. If it was on your calendar, you can cross it off.</i>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Workshare – parents and carers are invited to pop in after school to look at their children's work from this term. 3.20 - 4.00 pm
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.15 am- violin and piano end of year show. Mrs Edwards will be emailing the parents of our music pupils to invite them to watch.
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day - parents/carers and families welcome from 1.00pm for a 1.15pm start. Please do not arrive before 1pm - the gate will be locked as the children will be playing until 1pm. Remember to bring chairs/blankets.
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Reserve Sports day in case of bad weather on the Friday.
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Transition days for Y6 pupils who are moving up to Sharnbrook Academy
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Moving up morning. All pupils will 'move-up' to the next year group and spend the morning in their new class. We are still working on the budget and class structure for September and will let you know arrangements before this date, so that the children know where they will spend the

	morning.
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 (Years 3-6) Summer play. We will do performances at 2pm and 6pm. All children in years 3-6 will have a part, so please do try to make sure they are available for the 6pm performance.
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 camp overnight. Y6 children from both Thurleigh and Kymbrook are invited to a camp on our school field, as an end of year celebration. A letter will follow with further details.
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y3/4 Fantastic Finish- a visit to Chester House in Irchester. Further details to follow.
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Friends 'Fun Day'- this is an after school event, to which all our families are invited. Please look out for further details when they come out.
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	9.00am Leavers Assembly for the parents/carers of our Y6 children. Break up for the summer holidays.