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# Newsletter

## Y3 Saxons at Tatton Park

**Amazing SATs success!** - The SATs results came into school last week and we are absolutely thrilled with the results. It is easy to take outstanding results like these for granted because we do well every year but the only reason that the results are so good is because the staff and pupils work so hard. It is not

usual to achieve results like this and they obviously depend on the cohort of children but these put us into the top group of schools in the country!

Just for your information:

- Attainment levels at primary school go from W (working towards level 1), though 1c, 1b, 1a, 2c, 2b, 2a, 3c, 3b, 3a etc. to level 5
- The expected target for a mainstream Y6 child is level 4
- Children are expected to make two levels of progress between Y2 and Y6
- The highest level that a primary school child can attain is level 5
- When data analysis takes place next term, the government looks at different groups of children e.g. those with English as a second language, girl/boys, younger/older in the year, children with special educational needs etc.
- At this school we track the children from Reception right through to Y6, analysing their attainment each term and apportioning classroom support, 1-to-1 tuition, intervention strategies (support groups) and extension activities (for the highly able) accordingly.
- The published league tables do not give a school like ours the credit that it deserves because (a) special needs are not taken into account and therefore children who have worked their socks off, received lots of support and attained brilliantly are given no credit and (b) level 5s are not taken into account and so our very high scoring children are given no more points than those just scraping a 4 in other schools.
- A lot of schools opted out of SATs tests in Y6 this year and have submitted only teacher assessments and so the playing field is not even.
- This year tests only took place in Maths and English, the Science was assessed by the school.

	English (Test)	Maths (Test)	Science (Teacher Assessment)
Level 4 +	94% (80)	95% (79)	95% (86)
Level 5	66% (29)	73 % (35)	72% (38)

(Figures in brackets are the national averages for 2009)

As you can see from these fantastic results, the level 5s gained are just about or more than double the national average. Furthermore **more than half of the children scored over 90% total on the maths papers, with most of these scoring over 95%!** The School Improvement Partner visited towards the end of last week and carried out a book scrutiny. He was extremely impressed with the standard and variety of work and said that these maths results are exceptional. He was also complimentary about the fact that all groups in school perform as well as each other. Most of these children have made more than the expected two levels of progress since Y2, one even progressed 4 levels and our

children are already scoring highly in Y2! Congratulations to all of the Y6 pupils and all the staff. Results like this cannot be obtained from just one year's work; they are the culmination of seven years' input from a talented and dedicated group of professionals; working together with supportive parents and willing, fabulous children.

**OFSTED** - You will be receiving a letter from OFSTED because they have assessed the school using various data and have decided not to inspect again until at least September 2011. The Local Authority carried out an inspection of Learning and Teaching earlier this year and the School Improvement Partner makes regular visits and so monitoring is continuously completed by different departments and had they had any concerns, they would have been responsible for reporting them. While we are delighted to have been assessed in this category, we are not complacent and will continue with our drive to improve standards in all departments.

**School Leaders** - This year we have selected Bronya Sykes to be Head Girl, with Georgia Brown as the Deputy. William Atkins is to be Head Boy, with Finlay Grosfils as the Deputy. I am delighted that all of these children have accepted the responsibility starting in September. They were chosen because of special qualities displayed over the years and we feel that they will lead the School Council and the Y6 Management Team well, acting as role models to the rest of the school and ambassadors when out of school.



**PTA News** - Congratulations to the PTA for a superb Summer Fair on Saturday, there have been far too many positive comments to mention and everyone very much enjoyed it. The final total is not available yet but well over £3,000 was raised. Thank you very much to the PTA Summer Fair Team, an enormous amount of work goes into such a fabulous event.



There is a PTA Meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>; the Griffin pub at 8pm, for anyone who would like to come along and discuss ideas for future events or just to socialise with other parents.

**Year Six Leavers' Events** - All of the remaining events relate to the Y6 leavers. Their production of 'Dream On' last night was superb. A multitude of talent was on display and the best part was how much they enjoyed performing it for their parents and families. Well done to Mrs Moss and Mrs Horstead; thank you Miss Carter for your help with the singing and dancing.



- Tonight it is the Upper Junior Disco 7 – 9pm. As the letter went out late, Y5s and 6s can pay on the door.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> is Leavers' Evening at 7pm. This event is for the Y6s and up to two parents/carers per child. Please do not bring siblings or toddlers to this evening, it is not suitable. Younger siblings will not be allowed into the hall because, beside there not being enough room, seeing Leavers' Evening will completely spoil it for them when it is their turn.
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Leavers' Service up at church at 10am for Y3-6 We desperately need some parent helpers to supervise the children on the walk there and back. If we do not have two adults per class, the children will not be able to go. The service will last about an hour.
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Leavers' Assembly at 9.05am. Although this is lovely and parents and family enjoy it, it does tend to be long and hot, babies and toddlers will certainly not like it.

**Guitar Assembly** - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9,05am is a guitar assembly and parents/carers are invited to watch.

### **Internet Safety**

If you have older children who are using Facebook, please encourage them to attach the ClickCEOP app. which is a new security device. The link is <http://www.facebook.com/ClickCEOP>.

### **Classes for next year**

On Monday at 11am, the children will go through to meet their new teachers. The classes for next year are:

<b>Current Class</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>New Class</b>	<b>Room</b>
Reception Horner	➡	Y1 Mrs Brierley	Currently Mrs Adams
Reception Chappell	➡	Y1 Mr Hamblett	Mr Hamblett
Y1 Mr Hamblett	➡	Y2 Mrs Cochrane	Mrs Cochrane
Y1 Mrs Adams	➡	Y2 Mr McCarthy	Currently Mrs Brierley
Y2 Mrs Cochrane	➡	Y3 Mrs Davies	Currently Mr McCarthy
Y2 Mrs White	➡	Y3 Mrs Platts	Mrs Platts
Y2 Mrs Brierley	➡	Y3 Miss Rushton	Currently Mrs White
Y3 Mrs Platts	➡	Y4 Miss Burnham	Miss Burnham
Y3 Mr McCarthy	➡	Y4 Mrs White	Currently Mrs Davies
Y4 Miss Burnham	➡	Y5 Mrs Morrow	Mrs Morrow
Y4 Mrs Davies	➡	Y5 Mr Taylor	Mr Taylor
Y5 Mrs Morrow	➡	Y6 Mrs Moss	Mrs Moss
Y5 Mr Taylor	➡	Y6 Mrs Horstead	Mrs Horstead

### **Sports Matches for Parents/Carers**

This evening at 6pm at The Grammar (next to Altrincham Boys' Grammar School) there is a parents' football match and a rounders match. Cheering crowd are invited to spectate.

### **Balloons, Bubbles and Stickers for Kenya**

Past pupils Billy Horner, Sam Wells and Laurence Davies are travelling to Kenya at the weekend on a charity visit. I'm afraid that this is very short notice but if you have any balloons, bubbles or stickers at home that you would like to donate for the boys to take, please bring them into school tomorrow.



### **Kingswood**

Could Y4 parents please check that they have paid the second instalment of the Kingswood money. Quite a bit is outstanding and we cannot pay the invoice until we have received it.