

**Plaistow and Kirdford Primary School**  
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Dear Parents,

We are approaching a very busy time of year in school as classes edge towards their final assessments for the school year. Next week is particularly special as Year Six will be sitting their Key Stage Two assessments (SATs). We want our children to feel really up to doing their best and would appreciate if our whole school community can help support them. If you know a Year Six student, let them know how terrific they are! If you see one of them instead of asking if the tests were really tough, ask them what their favourite question was!

Another way you can help is to minimise any visits to the office in the mornings after drop off. While the office team are not sitting the tests, they are heavily involved in the administration of the tests – from unpacking them, delivering them and arranging the collection of the papers. There is a surprisingly large amount of administration involved.

To the parents of year six, I have given the children some advice for the weekend:

1. Relax!
2. Be sure to have fun on both days.
3. Don't spend hours revising – if you want to go over something only spend a short time.
4. Go outside. Get some fresh air!
5. Get plenty of sleep.
6. Try your best not to worry. Tell your parents not to worry either – you know you'll try your best.
7. Eat a good breakfast – something that will give you plenty of energy for the morning.

The "SATs" are important to schools. They provide a valuable way of measuring the progress of children from their starting points. They are only a snapshot though and only represent how well our children do at a particular time on a particular test. They are just one of the ways we assess our children. Mrs Powell, myself and the whole staff team are very proud of this year's Year Six class – they have all worked really hard and we'll be proud of them all next week as well regardless of the outcomes. We know our children. We know what they can do. If our year sixes come out of the hall after their tests knowing they did their best – they should be sure to come out with their heads held high.

On a completely unrelated to SATs note: Have you heard about our "Badgers" After School Club? This after school club is now run by Plaistow and Kirdford staff and the feedback has been very positive! Different sessions are available and it is only £2.00 for the 3.30-4.30pm slot. Children get to do lots of fun activities, including arts and crafts and playing on the school playground and field after school, all fully supervised by qualified and caring staff.

Don't forget! We have two Movie Nights coming up:

18<sup>th</sup> May – Ferdinand, primarily for Year R and KS 1 but older children can come along too.

25<sup>th</sup> May – The Greatest Showman – for KS 2. This film will run from start to finish without a break.



For your information, Inset Dates for next year will be 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 22<sup>nd</sup> July and 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlie King".

Charlie King

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### PAKSA Update

#### Upcoming PAKSA Events

- Friday 18 May - KS1 Movie Night – Ferdinand - 3.45-5.30pm (Older and younger siblings welcome. Younger siblings must have a parent/ guardian who stays. All children need a ticket)
- Friday 18 May - PAKSA Social - 8pm at the Roger Tichborne. All welcome. No meeting - just a social! Would be lovely to see new faces.
- Friday 25 May - cake sale after school – Year 2 and 3 providing the cakes please
- Friday 25 May - KS2 Movie Night - The Greatest Showman - 5.30-7.15pm (KS 2 only)

#### Summer Fair – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 12-4pm on Plaistow Green

This is a fantastic school and community event held on Plaistow Green. It is also one of our main fundraisers. This year we will be having a Dog Show and Lego Competition again as well as lots of other fantastic stalls.

Please email [paksa@plaistowkirdford.com](mailto:paksa@plaistowkirdford.com) if you know someone who might like to advertise in our Summer Fair programme or donate a raffle prize.

Please also let us know if you have a gazebo that we could borrow for stalls at the Fair. We're sure that it won't rain on the day and it will be used instead as a sun shade!

#### Rounders Night – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Our annual end to the school year. More details to follow but please save the date for this hugely popular and fun evening.

Thank you!  
PAKSA

### Raising Money for Mitoto Primary School – Mrs Jesse and PAKSA

At our last cake sale we were selling cakes to provide our partner school in Mitoto with a new classroom floor. We raised just over £120 which should be just enough for the floor. We are in the process of transferring the funds to them. Many thanks to all of the parents who baked and to all of the children who ate the cakes! Our support to the school really changes the daily lives of the children and staff at Mitoto Primary School in Kenya.

### How you can help us to raise extra funds for School

Did you know there are many different ways to help raise extra funds for our school? Here are just a few:

Easy Fundraising - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/plaistowkirdfordprimarieschool/>

Booking a holiday - raise money with Easyfundraising at no cost to you!

Easyfundraising have over 240 travel retailers including trains, flights, accommodation and holiday packages. With the likes of Thomas Cook, Expedia, Virgin Trains, TUI and Booking.com giving BIG donations.

Your School Lottery - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play>

Your School Uniform – [www.yourschooluniform.com](http://www.yourschooluniform.com)

My Name Tags, Yellow – School Photographs, Fundraising – Christmas cards, tags, mugs etc.

 <b>Student of the Week</b> 			 <b>House Points</b> 			
Robin	Martha L	Poppy S	<b>Wey</b>	<b>Arun</b>	<b>Lavant</b>	<b>Rother</b>
Squirrel	Polly B-S	Joshua B				
Hedgehog	Florence H	Dexter F				
Woodpecker	Tori W-S	William T				
Owl	Cleo R	Luc T				
Fox	Hannah J	Oliver W	184	179	164	175
Badger	Isabella W	Ethan J-N				

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### Dates for your Diary

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Year 6</b>	Year 6 SATS tests start today
<b>Music</b>	Year 3 Violins, Violin Lessons
<b>Clubs</b>	Badger's After School Club, Gymnastics and Cricket

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Year 6</b>	Year 6 SATS tests
<b>Clubs</b>	Badger's After School Club, Eco Schools, Lego

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Year 6</b>	Year 6 SATS tests
<b>Forest School</b>	Year 1 Forest School am (Please sign up to volunteer at School Office), Nurture Group pm
<b>Music</b>	Piano, Guitar, Woodwind
<b>Clubs</b>	Badger's After School Club, Cross Country, Yoga and Choir

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Year 6</b>	SATS end today followed by Celebration afternoon.
<b>School Census Day</b>	All Infant Children to please try a school lunch today – even if they bring their packed lunch too!
<b>Forest Schools</b>	Year R am, Year 3 pm – last Forest School session (picnic in the woods).
<b>Tri-Golf</b>	Tri Golf Tournament at The Weald
<b>Clubs</b>	Badger's After School Club, Library Lunch Club, KS1 Art and Rounders

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Forest Schools</b>	Year 2 pm (Please sign up to volunteer at School Office)
<b>Clubs</b>	Badger's After School Club, KS 2 Gardening, B&H Football Club
<b>Movie Night</b>	Ferdinand – 3.45-5.30pm For KS1 but older and younger siblings welcome too – please see PAKSA note
<b>Parents</b>	PAKSA Social evening at The Roger Tichborne – all welcome.

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May

<b>Clubs</b>	Badger's After School Club, Gymnastics and Cricket
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#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

<b>Music</b>	Year 3 Violin, Violin lessons, Keyboard and Cello
<b>Whole School</b>	Whole Class Photographs and Year 6 Leavers Photographs
<b>Clubs</b>	Badger's After School Club, Eco Schools, Lego

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

<b>Forest School</b>	Year 1 am, Nurture Group pm (Please sign up to volunteer at School Office)
<b>Year 5</b>	Trip to Kew Gardens as part of their Rainforest Topic
<b>Whole School</b>	Henry Adams Summer Competition launch assembly
<b>Music</b>	Piano, Guitar, Woodwind
<b>Clubs</b>	Badger's After School Club, Cross Country, Yoga and Choir

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Forest School</b>	Year R am, Year 6 pm (Please sign up to volunteer at School Office)
<b>Choir</b>	Weald Locality Concert rehearsal at Billingshurst Primary School
<b>Clubs</b>	Badger's After School Club, Library Lunch Club, KS1 Art and Rounders

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Whole School</b>	Awards Assembly 9.00pm – by invitation
<b>Forest School</b>	Year 2 pm (Please sign up to volunteer at School Office)
<b>Clubs</b>	Badger's After School Club, KS 2 Gardening, B&H Football Club
<b>Whole School</b>	Cake Sale after school – Year 2 and 3 to provide the cakes please
<b>Movie Night</b>	The Greatest Showman – KS2 only 5.30 – 7.15pm
<b>Whole School</b>	Half Term begins

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

<b>Whole School</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of Summer Term begins at 9.00am
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