

# Y4 Sparrowhawks' News

Summer Term 6 2019

**Etwall Primary School**

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break and are rested and ready for the busy term ahead.

## Maths and English

### Remember:

- \* PE kits need to be in school every day.
- \* Reading journals will be checked every Tuesday
- \* Spelling test is every Tuesday. Please support your child in learning their spellings.
- \* Swimming kits need to be in school every Tuesday.



### English

In English this term, we will be doing lots of grammar and spelling lessons to consolidate our knowledge of the Y4 objectives. We will also be studying and writing stories with flashbacks. In our guided reading lessons, we will be working on our inference and deduction skills. We will work on our use of a cursive script in



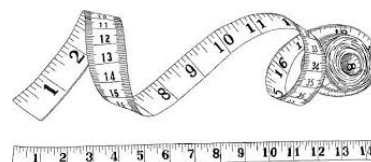
handwriting practice and we will continue to read our class reading book.

### Maths

In maths, we will be learning about imperial measurement, number and shape. We will also be developing our reasoning skills through application of our skills to focus questions.

We will also continue to practice our multiplication facts in school. The

quicker the children can recall these facts, the easier they will find the whole maths curriculum. Please encourage your child to practise these at home. Thank you.



## Other subjects

Our topic work this term is 'Why is Derby City such a cool place live?' and we will be studying our local area. Our science topic is 'What happens when our water disappears before our eyes?' (States of Matter). For this topic, we will be identifying the part played by evaporation and condensa-

tion in the water cycle. In RE, our topic is 'How can we make our village a more respectful place to live in?'

In Citizenship, our theme is 'Bullying Matters'. In PE, we will be improving our car-

dio-agility and ball chasing skills. In German, we will be learning how to talk about our local area and our computing topic will be programming, coding and controlling devices. Our art topic will be water-colour landscapes of Etwall and our music topic is 'Reflect, rewind and replay'.

## Relationships

This term, the children are going to be thinking what constitutes a good relationship, and the skills we have to help them be positive and healthy. We will also be discussing in what ways relationships can be unhealthy and they should talk to if they feel they are involved in one.

We will also be discussing privacy, and which secrets should be shared, and which need to be told. We will be recapping on the underwear rule from the NSPCC. The website for this should you want to look at it is

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/?utm\\_source=vanity&utm\\_medium=vanity&utm\\_campaign=2016+pants](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/?utm_source=vanity&utm_medium=vanity&utm_campaign=2016+pants)

## Learning together

This term, we will be holding our final learning together and showcase as follows. We would like to warmly welcome you to join us for it.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tuesday 25th June: KS2 outdoor learning showcase, 3:00-3:30 (join your child as they take part in an observation trail in the school grounds)



## Useful websites!

We often get asked if we can recommend any websites that your child could go on to help them with their school work. Here are a couple that you might find useful:

[www.interactive-resources.co.uk](http://www.interactive-resources.co.uk)

The pupil log in and password are the same and are 'epsupil'. There is a folder for each class and when this is clicked on the

games are regularly updated.

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling\\_grammar](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar)

This website has on it some spelling and grammar games to help your child with the grammar and spelling objectives that we will be covering in class. There are notes to read, games to play and quizzes to do.



## KS2 fundraising event

This term, we will be holding a fundraising event for Air Ambulance, this year's school charity. To help us to raise money for this worthy cause, KS2 are going to take part in a Danceathon on Monday 1st July, with a reserve date of Thursday 4th July.

During this event, children will have the opportunity to take part in as many dance routines as possible in 60 minutes. They will be bringing home a sponsorship form, and any sponsorship they gain from family or friends will be greatly appreciated.

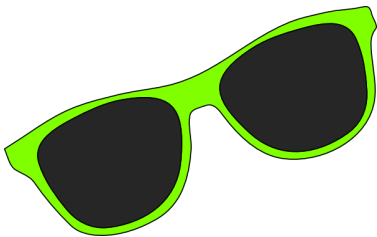


## Sun Safe

Over the summer months, children will be reminded to be 'sun safe aware' by following the 5 S's rule!

SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SLIDE, SHADE!

This means: SLIP on a t-shirt, SLOP on some sun-cream, SLAP on a hat, SLIDE on some sunglasses and find some SHADE! We ask that all children have a sun hat in school every day to protect against harmful UV rays, in line with our uniform policy.



## Etwall's Got Talent

Can you child sing/dance/act/do magic/play a musical instrument? If the answer is yes and your child would like to showcase his/her talent at the PTFA Summer Fair, please look out for further information on Etwall's Got Talent in the forthcoming weeks.



## Y4 Multiplication Check

As you may be aware, from next year, the government has introduced a new multiplication check at the end of year 4 to ensure all children know and have rapid recall of their multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$ .

As a school we are taking part in the trial this year, and children will be taking this test at some point in June. As with all testing in school, we try and keep this as low key as possible so will not be giving the children prior warning. All the children however have had a go at a 'practice' test so they are familiar with the look of it, and have had a go at answering the questions. The testing will take place on the ipads.

As a school we are in the process of signing up to mathsshed, which your child may have used as part of the trial. We will ensure that all children know how to get onto the multiplication check part of this should they wish to practice for fun.

## Book Swap Friday

Please remember that the first Friday of every month is Book Swap Friday. The next Book Swap Friday is Friday 7th June and, then Friday 5th July. Please encourage your child to bring a finished book into school so that they can swap it for a book they have not yet read. The children that take part are always really enthusiastic about the books they can choose from. It is also a great way of getting a new book without spending a penny!

Many thanks.



## Recommended Read

### Wilf the Mighty Worrier: Saves the World

by Georgia Pritchett

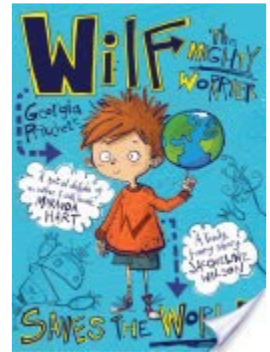
Things Wilf was worried about before:

1) Stuffed animals. 2) Peanut Butter. 3) Creepy crawlies that have waggly feeler things instead of eyes.

Things Wilf is worried about now:

4) The most evil man in the world. 5) The most evil man in the world living next door. 6) Anyone called Alan.

When Alan, a self-styled Evil Lunatic, moves in next door with his grumpy robot sidekick and his silent right-hand-dog, Kevin Phillips, Wilf knows he will have to find a way to overcome his fears. And soon he realises: only he can stop Alan's ridic-ulous yet still Quite Evil plan to destroy the world...



### Key dates for your diary

Monday 3rd June—Back to school.

Thursday 6th June—PTFA discos— 3:45 KS1; 5:00 KS2.

Friday 7th June—Book Swap Friday.

Friday 14th June—Sports Morning.

Tuesday 18th June—Reserved Sports Morning.

Thursday 20th June—Maths Puzzle Day.

Friday 21st June—INSET day—no children in school!

Tuesday 25th June—Open Swimming Morning.

Tuesday 25th June—Outdoor Learning Together event (15:00).

Monday 1st July— KS2 Sponsored danceathon for Air Ambulance.

Tuesday 2nd July—Class Swap Day

Wednesday 3rd July—Class Swap Day.

Thursday 4th July— Reserve KS2 sponsored danceathon for Air Ambulance.

Friday 5th July—Book Swap Friday.

Friday 5th July—PTFA Summer Fair, including Etwall's Got Talent.

Friday 12th July—Reports out.

Sunday 14th July—PTFA Music Festival.

Monday 15th July—Open Evening (15:45-17:30).

Friday 19th July—Break up for Summer.

