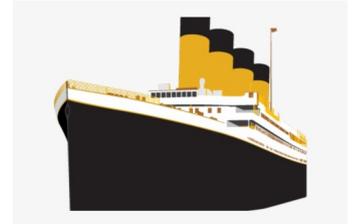


The Cuckoo



So June is here, though it is hardly 'flaming', and I am into my last half term at Gotham Primary. I have been asked how I would like to mark my retirement, and I really would like to have fun with the children. So, we have planned two events for this....

The first is a **Titanic Day**, to be held on **Tuesday 16th July**. I would like everyone to come dressed as passengers or crew. The children will be put into mixed-age groups and will 'tour' the decks of RMS Titanic during the day, learning about different aspects of the Titanic story. See page 2 for what to wear on Titanic Day.



The second event is to be 'Sue's Seaside Special Dinner' kindly organised by Mrs Burton. That is to be on my last day, Wednesday 24th July, and what better way to spend my last lunch hour than eating with the children on both sittings?! Please complete the attached form and return it to the office by Friday 25th June if your child is going to have the Seaside Special lunch of Fish and Chips and an Ice Cream cone! *Please note—there will not be any other meals prepared*

by school on that day.

Changes in 2019-2020

Next year we are having a bit of a move around with teachers and classrooms.

YEAR 6

Mrs Magirr has agreed to teach our Year 6 children whilst Miss Danylevych settles into her role as Deputy Head Teacher.

In order to support some children with additional needs, we have decided to teach the Year 4 Sycamore Class from September in the current Cedar classroom. Our current Year 4 (Sycamore now Cedar in Sept) will remain in their room for a second year but will be joined by Miss Danylevych. Please refer to the room plan for next year, shown overleaf.

PPA

With Mrs Austin leaving us we have revisited how we provide cover for PPA in KS2. We have asked Mr Tinsley to provide PE lessons alongside a French tutor. They will work with Willow, Sycamore, Cedar and Maple classes on Mondays and Thursdays. There are no changes planned for how KS1 teachers are covered for PPA.

HOODIES

Another change is going to be the Year 6 Hoodies. We are going to continue to offer them for sale, but we will be arranging for this to happen at the end of the year, ready for the leaver's ceremony.



IDEAS FOR COSTUMES ON TITANIC DAY

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| Crew Members | <p>Officers - 'nautical' dress, caps with gold braid</p> <p>Firemen - (not firemen as we know them, these firemen shovelled coal into the boilers) They would wear dirty clothes from shovelling the coal!, braces, rolled sleeves, and a neckerchief for wiping the sweat from their brows</p> <p>Maids - white blouse, apron and cap, dark skirt. Some maids might be a nanny, in which case they would have a 'posh looking baby to care for.</p> <p>Stewards - white shirt, dark trousers, dicky bow, maybe with a service tray and a white tea towel over their arm</p> <p>Cooks/Chefs - white aprons - chefs/cooks hats, chef's checked trousers</p> |
| 1st Class Passengers | <p>Ladies 'Posh' frocks - long if possible- lots of 'jewellery', fancy hats, tiaras, fancy 'up-do' hair style.</p> <p>Gentlemen Bow tie, smart shirt, smart trousers, jacket, satin</p> |
| 3rd Class Passengers | <p>'Lasses' Shawls, long skirts in drab colours, straw bonnets, babes-in-arms (they couldn't afford a Nanny!)</p> <p>'Blokes' Flat caps, rolled up sleeves, braces, waistcoats, neckerchief.</p> |

Could your child be entitled to a

FREE school meal?



Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

Children may be eligible for FSM if their parents receive Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Job Seekers Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

To apply for FSM visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Diary Dates in Summer 2nd Half Term



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| Wednesday 19th June | KS2 Sports Morning 9am—noon Willow, Sycamore, Cedar & Maple |
| Friday 21st June | Circus Day —treat for whole school paid for by FOGS |
| Friday 28th June | Big Fish Schoolwear will be in school for uniform sales from 8am-9am |
| 1st 2nd 3rd July | Transition Days The children will spend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in next year's classes |
| 8th-12th July | DT Week —details to follow |
| Tuesday 16th July | Titanic Day with a treat paid for by the FOGS |
| Thursday 18th July | Reports and Annual Consultation Out |
| Friday 19th July | Family Ramble (9am) followed by Picnic Lunch (12noon) on the school field |
| Monday 22nd July | Y6 Leavers Graduation Afternoon Tea 1.00-3.30pm—details to follow |
| Wednesday 24th July | Seaside Special Lunch School closes at 2.30pm |



We have been working hard to improve our attendance and punctuality figures since Ofsted said they Require Improvement. Obviously this has involved you supporting us in this drive to improve our data.

Up until April we were showing a slight improvement, however, sadly, since so many families have continued to request to take term-time holidays this term our absence data still requires improvement.

Attendance is a shared responsibility—please continue to support us.

Important dates for 2019 2020

| INSET DATES 2019 2020 | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Date | Focus of INSET |
| Friday 30th August | Fire Awareness Training |
| Monday 2nd September | Admin and Class Preparation |
| Wednesday 18th September | Family Shared INSET—Curriculum Leadership |
| Monday 24th February 2020 | Rushcliffe Schools INSET—Enriching the Curriculum |
| Friday 22nd May 2020 | Report Writing |

| KEY DATES FOR TESTING | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date | Event |
| Month of May | KS1 SATS for Year 2 pupils |
| 11th— 14th May | KS2 SATS for Year 6 pupils* |
| w/c 8th June for 3 weeks | Year 1 Phonics Screening |
| w/c 8th June for 3 weeks | Multiplication Tables check for Year 4 |
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VE Day 2020

Next year's early May bank holiday will be moved back by four days for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. May Day is traditionally held on a Monday but will be put back to **Friday 8 May 2020**.

VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, marks the day towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe.

The holiday will form part of a three-day weekend of commemorative events.

**Please remember KS2 SATS will start on Monday 11th May 2020.*

