



Wickham Common

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Dear children, parents and carers,

As you may already be aware, next week our **Year 6 children will be sitting the SATS assessments**. Whilst these may seem like a rather daunting proposition, the children have been expertly prepared by our teachers and support staff, as well as with the support that you have given them at home. Children will no doubt feel trepidatious on Monday morning, but the format of the week is nothing they have not encountered before. Whilst obviously valuing the many benefits of academic success, I have always felt proud to have worked in a school that values and celebrates the whole child rather than just their academic attainment. As such, our message for next week is simple: *try your very best to be your very best and support others to be their best too*. Words that, hopefully, our year 6 children will carry on into their secondary schools and beyond.

Speaking of secondary schools, the **Admissions team from Bromley will be holding a workshop at Wickham Common for current Year 5 parents on Tuesday 24th at 9am**. Bookable via Arbor/Clubs. The team will speak to parents about the Admissions processes to follow and things they need to be thinking about. The presentation will not, however, cover any thoughts or recommendations about individual secondary schools. Whilst all of our parental workshops are informative and purposeful, I would strongly recommend attending this one in particular if you are a Year 5 parent who is already conscious of the application process. This is separate to the workshop for current Year 6 parents being hosted by Mr Walker and Mrs Carroll on Thursday 5th June.

I know that many of my colleagues are working hard behind the scenes to finalise some additions to the diary, such as educational workshops, and the PTA still have the Summer Disco date to announce. Please look out for those dates in the near future. An event that is freshly in the diary, however, is **NSPCC Childhood Day Mile on Friday 6th June**. I'll write to you in due course about the purpose of the day and what it entails, but please have it in your mind that all children will be in PE kits or sporting attire that day.

Our friends at **Bromley Y are holding some free webinars for parents** of primary aged children that focus on different areas of wellbeing and can be found at the links below:

[Helping your child with fears and worries](#); [Emotionally based school avoidance](#); [Changing from primary to secondary school](#); [Helping your child with sleep problems](#).

We often share resources aimed at supporting and, in fact, improving the mental health of our pupils, but rarely ones aimed at adults. **Just Ask A Question** (<https://jaaq.org/home>) has recently come to our attention as a valuable resource for anyone looking to **increase their understanding of numerous aspects of mental health**. The site is made up of



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bitesize videos with people, often well-known figures, detailing their own experiences with mental health difficulties. I'm led to believe JAAQ Junior is in development and will provide similar resources for young people too.

One final reminder from me – **you have until the end of the school day to submit your application to be nominated for the role of Parent Governor.** As I have already mentioned this term, the local governing body is an essential part of our school structure. We are lucky to have a hugely supportive parent community and I'm sure that many of you would relish the opportunity to add your voice and talents to our board.

Congratulations to the below children who have received the **Values Awards this week:**

Acorns	Samuel	Respect
Conkers	Logan	Effort
1 Ash	Aiofe	Effort
1 Maple	Jaxon	Responsibility
2 Elm	Bea	Integrity
2 Holly	Henry	Effort
3 Cherry	Hughie	Effort
3 Horse Chestnut	Harry McQ	Honesty
4 Hazel	Bianca	Effort
4 Poplar	Louis	Effort
5 Beech	n/a two next week	
5 Willow	Tiya	Effort
6 Lime	Matilda	Creativity
6 Oak	Arli	Effort

A few reminders for next week:

- Monday 12th May Year 4 Swimming Assessment
- Monday 12th – Thursday 15th Year 6 SATs

Have an enjoyable weekend,



Mr Slack
Assistant Headteacher