



Whitefield Community Primary School

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To: Parents/Carers of all Children

Dear Parents/Carers

NEWSLETTER: THURSDAY 1 MAY 2014



I hope you all enjoyed your Easter break. Welcome back to the Summer Term - the first half of which is very short!

### KS2 SATs Week:

I should be grateful if you would please note that the Key Stage Two Testing (SATs) is to take place during the week commencing Monday 12 May 2014.

May I remind parents/carers of the need for all children in Year Six to attend school during this week, for their own benefit as well as that of the school. If your child is not well, you must let the school know and you may be expected to produce a Medical Certificate. There will be no authorised absences given during this period, as these tests are most important for the future education of your child. These tests are compulsory and set to a fixed timetable. Should your child miss a test they will not be able to take it at another time.

Children in Year Six may attend Breakfast Club all SATs week without charge but, if they do not, please ensure that your child is in school promptly at 9.00 am, as we cannot delay the tests for late-comers.

### School Uniform:

Could we remind parents that when buying new polo shirts for their child/children, they purchase pale blue rather than white, as we want everyone to eventually wear pale blue shirts.

If you wish to order any items of school uniform ie cardigans, sweatshirts etc, please see Mrs Coates in the school office.

### School Meals: September 2014:

Would you please note that the cost of school meals is to rise in September 2014 from £1.95 per day to £2.00 per day (£10.00 per week). As you will be aware, however, from September 2014, school meals will be free to all children in Reception and Key Stage One.



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## Besses Children's Centre News

### Holiday Activities:

Staff from the Besses team were extremely disappointed with the take up of the holiday activities over the last holiday period. So poor was the turn out that they are considering whether or not to provide any activities over the May holiday period. As you will be aware the activities are very costly and time consuming to organise so they would be very grateful if you would contact them with any thoughts you may have on this.

Besses Children's Centre is only funded for children from birth to four years and eleven months. They deal with a lot of negative feedback from parents who are looking for activities for children aged six and upwards so any comments must be around activities for younger children.

### E-Safety:

After the great success of their last E-Safety session, the Besses Children's Centre will be providing a further training session on Tuesday 20 May 2014 from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. This training will be delivered by Mark Gay who is the Local Authority LADO (Bury's Safeguarding Local Authority Designated Officer)

### Safety in the Home:

Staff from the Besses Children's Centre will be providing a session, 'Safety in the Home'. This will take place at our school, Whitefield Community Primary School on Wednesday 7 May 2014 from 2.00-3.00 pm. You are all welcome to attend.

If you wish to contact the Besses Children's Centre, they can be contacted on 0161 766 9807 or 07876038755. Alternatively you can e-mail them at [bessescc@bury.gov.uk](mailto:bessescc@bury.gov.uk).

### European Elections/Half-Term Holiday:

Please note, that the school will close for the half-term holidays at the usual time of **3.10 pm on Wednesday 21 May 2014** and will re-open following the break at **9.00 am on Monday 2 June 2014**. The school is being used as a Polling Station on the Thursday, 22 May 2014 and we are taking one of our occasional days on the Friday, 23 May 2014.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher