



WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

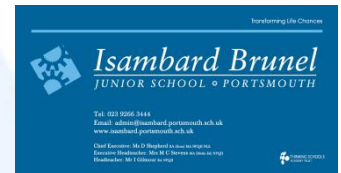
Welcome back after the Easter break to the last term of this school year. The first half is quite short – just five weeks – but within that time we have Year 6's End of Key Stage Two tests: their SATs. We wish everyone in Year 6 the very best of luck with these national tests which take place during the week beginning Monday 11th May.

Next half term, we enjoy a variety of summer activities including the Leavers' Concert and Sports' Day to name but two. Please keep an eye out for letters with times and dates – thank you!

Iain C. Gilmore

NEW SCHOOL SIGN

Hopefully by now you will have seen our new school sign on the Wymering Road wall. The sign is in the corporate colours of the Thinking Schools' Academy Trust with our own logo. You will see that Claire Stevens is our Executive Headteacher which means she spends one day a week working with me on school improvement issues. Mrs Stevens also works with the other Portsmouth schools in the academy trust – Newbridge Junior and Portsmouth Academy for Girls.



Finally the sign has our old website address – www.isambard.portsmouth.sch.uk – which at the moment redirects you to our Wordpress website. However the academy's IT team is working on a new website for us which we hope will go "live" before the end of the term and we will go back to our original address when that happens. Confused? Me too - but watch this space for more details and it will all become clear soon enough!

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

A reminder that in common with most other schools, we have a policy of only allowing children to cycle to school if they wear a helmet and, preferably, a hi-viz jacket. If you wish your child to cycle, they will need to get a cycle permit form from the office.



SCHOOL MILK

We have started supplying milk at morning break as part of the government's new food guidelines for school using the "Cool Milk" company. Children who get a free school meal are entitled to free milk too but will need to register first. Other children can have milk but there is a small cost attached. For more details, please speak to Mrs Smith in the office.



SUMMER CLOTHING

As the weather improves, please remember that children must still wear school uniform. Girls can wear Gingham dresses and boys can wear grey or black shorts – no beach wear please! Finally given the number of stairs children have to use each day, sandals must have the heel covered: flip flops are not allowed. Thank you!



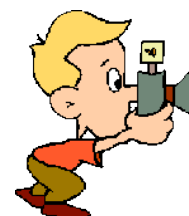
PARENT GOVERNOR

We have a vacancy on our Local Governing Body (LGB) for a parent governor. The LGB is an important part of the strategic leadership of the school reviewing policies, keeping an eye on results and making sure the school continues to improve. There is a commitment of two or three meetings a half term and formal visit to school once a term. If you are interested, please speak to me or Mrs Treacher, the Chair of the LGB.



PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 7th May to take pictures of the classes which will be available to buy. In addition, we will have a photographer in on Thursday 21 May to take new pictures for our website and other material.



DIARY DATES

Monday 4 May
Thursday 7 May

Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
Class Photographs
Election day – **school will remain open**
Year 6 Fairthorne Manor Parents' Meeting – 5pm
Year 6 SAT week
Year 6 residential visit to Fairthorne Manor
Half term

Monday 11 May
Monday 18 May
Monday 25 May

Monday 1 June
Tuesday 2 June
Tuesday 9 June
Thursday 18 June
Tuesday 23 June

INSET day – school closed
School reopens for final half term
Year 6 visit to Portsmouth University
Year 6 Road Safety Day
Dogs' Trust visiting school
Year 4 Cornet Concert
Dogs' Trust visiting school



Wednesday 24 June

Year 6 Leavers' Concert – 7pm
Sports' Day @ Mayfield (to be confirmed)
Two week transition for children going up to Mayfield
Year 7 transition day

Wednesday 1 July
Friday 3 July
Monday 6 July

Friday 10 July
Wednesday 15 July
Friday 17 July
Monday 20 July
Tuesday 21 July
Wednesday 22 July

M&M Production – The Wizard of Oz
Year 6 Leavers' Disco – 7pm
Year 5 Harry Potter Studio trip
Year 6 Chessington Trip
Year 3, 4, 5 Prize Giving
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
School closes for summer holiday



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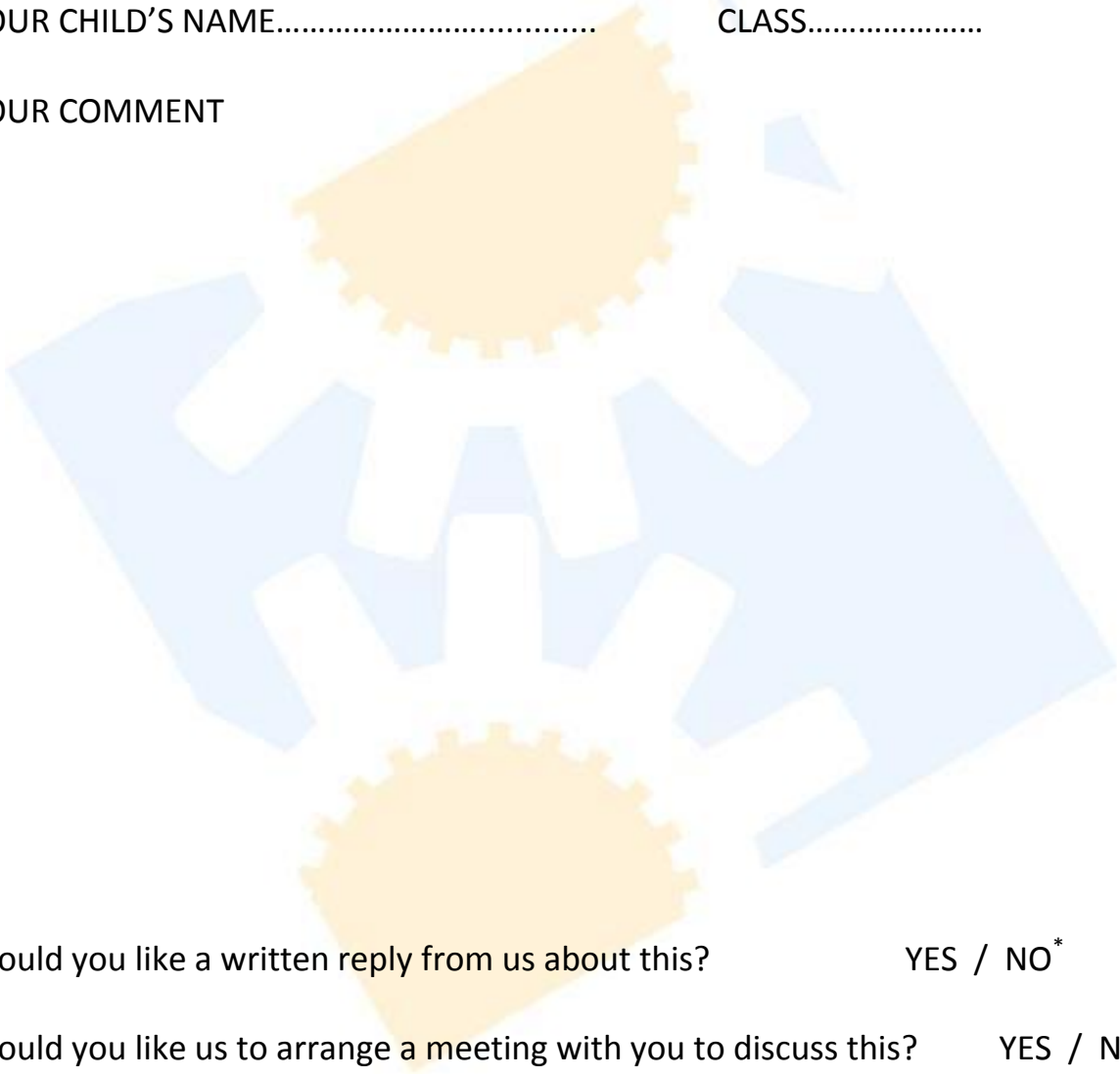
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YOUR NAME.....

YOUR CHILD'S NAME.....

CLASS.....

YOUR COMMENT



Would you like a written reply from us about this?

YES / NO*

Would you like us to arrange a meeting with you to discuss this?

YES / NO*

* please circle your choice

Thank you for taking the time to write to us.