

Slimbridge Primary Summer Fete—this Saturday starting at 1:00pm
Bike ride starting from school at 12.00

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my penultimate newsletter of the year and, as I look back, it has been 12 months of remarkable change in Education. We have delivered the 2013 National Curriculum across all year groups for the first time, taken the new more rigorous SATs and taken on the new focus areas, such as reasoning in maths. In a week parents will receive their children's end of year reports and we have made some changes to the assessment vocabulary to reflect the changes in assessment brought in by the Department of Education. You will see comments such as;

- **Pre Key Stage** (PKS) which means a child in Yr 2 is not fully accessing the KS 1 curriculum or a Year 6 children is not fully accessing the KS2 curriculum.
- **Has not met the standard**, where children scored below a certain mark in the tests.
- **Working towards Expected**, for test scores between 85—99 on the Scaled score (see below), or for children the teacher feels has not learnt all the skills covered in that year's curriculum **yet**.
- **At Expected**, for scores between 100 (the National Expected level) and 114 on the Scaled Score or for children the teacher feels has learnt the majority of key areas that year.
- **Working at Greater Depth**, for children who scored 115 on the Scaled Score or who the teacher feels has learnt all of the key areas for that year.

This assessment model is new to all schools and will take us all some time to understand and assimilate. There could be changes over the coming year, but like all changes we will soon feel this is the norm and the previous model will be history.

Children who have taken SATs this year have had their raw test school converted into a Scaled Score where 100 is the expected standard, and in this case there is nothing wrong with being average. This table shows the conversion from Raw Score to Scaled Score for Reading in KS1.

Any child who scored 2 marks or less on the paper is working below the KS1 National Curriculum and will be assessed as Pre Key Stage 1, although their Teacher Assessment may reflect something different. Children that scored between 3 and 21 are assessed as 'Working Towards Expected', 22—38 is 'At Expected' and 39—40 is 'Working at Greater Depth'.

As with any cut off point it doesn't reflect the effort of each child, there is such a small difference between answering enough questions correctly to get 21 marks to 22 marks, a difference between 99 and 100 on the Scaled score. However, 'Working Towards' and 'Working at Expected' sound very different. For this reason we will be recording Scaled Scores as well as the assessment vocabulary on reports and certificates. The key point is how near to 100 is the Scaled Score and more importantly is my child happy and working hard.

English reading	
Raw score	Scaled score
0	N
1	N
2	N
3	85
4	85
5	87
6	88
7	89
8	90
9	91
10	92
11	92
12	93
13	94
14	94
15	95
16	96
17	96
18	97

English reading	
Raw score	Scaled score
21	99
22	100
23	100
24	101
25	101
26	102
27	103
28	103
29	104
30	105
31	106
32	107
33	107
34	108
35	110
36	111
37	112
38	114
39	115

summer holiday shopping trips.

Girls

- ◆ White polo shirt, or blouse
- ◆ Grey or black skirt, dress, trousers
- ◆ Burgundy jumper/cardigan
- ◆ Plain Black shoes

Boys

- ◆ White polo shirt, or shirt
- ◆ Grey or black trousers
- ◆ Burgundy jumper

PE

- ◆ Plain Black/Blue shorts
- ◆ Plain White T shirt
- ◆ Daps or plain trainer

We appreciate your support in keeping the children looking smart. Please, please, please name all parts of the children's uniform.

30th June— Music Concert pm

4th—8th July Cycling Proficiency.

8th July— Redwood Class 1

11th July—Redwood Class 4

12th July—Drama Production; Bombs & Blackberries afternoon performance.

13th July—Drama Production; Bombs & Blackberries afternoon & evening performance

15th July—Reports

18th July—Cluster Redwood Day for Reception and Year 1

Thursday 21st July— Leaver's Assembly at the Church

Last day of term

New On-line Free School Meals Application.

For more information contact
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

The Big Friendly Read

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. Children can sign up at their local library, visit three times, read at least six library books of their choice collecting special collector cards and other incentives along the way - all for free.