

Hello / Ahoj

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have had a lovely week, we certainly have across both schools. Please read overleaf to find out what the children have been up to in their year groups and what will be happening next week.

Well done to the **Year 6 children** who took part in their **mock SAT today**, it was a pleasure to see so many children attend the breakfast that was held in the hall. Mrs Swan and Mrs Smith were very proud of how the children conducted themselves throughout the session.

This week **Year 4 children** had the opportunity to participate in the art day working alongside two artists to create some natural looking artwork using the outside to inspire them. We look forward to seeing the finished creation of all the **Junior School children's** work across soon.



Best wishes/Všechno nejlepší

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

This week one of our lovely Year 2 children brought in some Czech books for the children to share at break times. How lovely this was!



Dan the Skipping Man / Preskakovani

All the children enjoyed the Skipping Man visit this week. Lots of Perseverance Parrots on the playground. What a great skill to have!

Uniform / Rovnomerny

Please can everyone ensure that their children are **wearing school uniform at all times**. On PE days we appreciate that the children will be coming in attire that is suitable for physical education however please can you make certain that the clothing is **black** or **navy blue**. Please **do not** send children in with football kits as these are not appropriate for school. Some children are wearing nail varnish or inappropriate jewellery, please remove as these items are not part of our school uniform policy.

Mobile Phones / Mobilni telefony

We appreciate that some children need to bring their **mobile phone** to school. However once they enter school property they should not be accessing their devices. Please remind your child to switch off their phone and hand it in to their class teacher on arrival at school. Once they have left the school gates they may switch on their phone and access messages, make telephone calls etc. Recently there have been a few incidents where children have used their phone inappropriately in school grounds. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Lining up in Year 3 / Razeni v roce 3

As of next week, please can all **Year 3 pupils** in **Beech** and **Chestnut** class line up on the playground opposite their classroom in a straight line ready to start school at **8:40 a.m.** **Mrs Esaw** and **Mrs Everett** will collect the children from the playground and walk them in an orderly line into class for a prompt start. We appreciate that this will be from **Wednesday 3rd May**.

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Dates for the Diary/Termini pro Diar

May Day	All schools	Monday 1 st May	All schools closed for this Bank Holiday
Strike Day	All Schools	Tuesday 2nd May	Please check emails to know which classes will be affected by the latest strikes.
King's Coronation Celebrations	All schools	Friday 5th May	The children will participate in a range of celebrations
King's Coronation	All schools	Monday 8th May	King's Coronation Bank Holiday—all schools are closed
KS2 SATS week	Junior School	Wk beg Tuesday 9th May	Year 6 Statutory Assessment Week
KS1 SATS week	Infant School	Wk beg Tuesday 9th May	Year 2 Statutory Assessment Week
Half Term	All schools	Monday 29th May	Schools will be closed for the week
INSET Day	All schools	Monday 5th June	All school will be closed for the 5th INSET Day
Stay and Play	Infant School	Friday 9th June	Every Friday after half term, a 60 minute session on the front playground for children starting in Reception in September 2023
New Reception Parents Meeting	Infant School	Monday 19th June	A chance to meet the staff and visit the classrooms and find out more about life in Reception
Summer Fete	All Schools	Friday 30th June	Fete from 2.00pm more details to follow
Healthy Week	All Schools	Wk beg 10th July	A festival of activities to support our children's minds and bodies
Leavers Assembly	Infant School	Tuesday 18th July	Y2 Leavers Assembly
Leavers Assembly	Junior School	Wednesday 19th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
End of Term	All schools	Wednesday 19th July	End of the Summer Term



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Preschool

This week, **preschool children** have continued exploring 'The Gruffalo', we have loved hearing them recite the repeated refrains during their play. We have practiced mark making e.g, 'look my long snake'. We made Gruffalo crumble and thought about how it would taste and who might eat it! We loved joining in with the skipping activity on the playground and staff were impressed with how they listened to the instructions and persevered with the skipping skills! **Next week** we will make crowns and ribbon sticks and read our story, 'The Kings Coronation' to help our understanding of the world around us.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, learnt more about British wildlife and compared it to Australian wildlife. We sorted animals into sets and talked about how they are similar and/or different to one another. We also enjoyed a walk around our school grounds to find out more about the natural and human-made physical features. In literacy we used our phonics to write captions for pictures taken from, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We explored accurate counting strategies in maths and have been counting quantities beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system. **Next week**, we are excited about doing our own research using iPads and safe search engines as well as books to find out more about our favourite Australian wild animals!

Year 1

This week, in **Class 3 and 4**, we have been learning lots of facts about Australia in our enquiry and English lessons. We have also begun to use question marks at the end of question sentences. In maths we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. It would be wonderful if you could practice this at home. **Next week**, we will be using the phonics we know to spell new and unknown words in English and in maths we will be learning about arrays. If your child wears earrings, please ensure they have been removed before school on their PE days.

Year 2

This week in **Class 5 and 6**, we planned a story. We worked hard and managed to write a whole story from our plan. In maths we practised answering arithmetic questions. We used Kiddle for kids, an Atlas and general Australian fact books to research questions about Sydney, Australia. There will be no PE or Forest School next week. **Next week**, in English we will enjoy planning our instruction writing, solve and reason about everyday maths problems and as geographers compare Huntingdon, UK with Sydney, Australia. We still need a few more shoe boxes before we begin our DT project so any more you have would be gratefully received.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, the children have thought about the intonation when reading and how that can change the meaning of a sentence. In maths, we have used a part to make a whole using a variety of different equipment. We enjoyed the visit from Dan the Skipping Man and are perfecting our jumping skills. In design and technology, for the next few weeks, we will be building our own pneumatic mechanisms and it will be useful if they could bring in a hinged box such as a teabag box, thank you.

Year 4

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, year 4 children have started their new book, 'Krindlekrax'. We have started a new maths topic and are learning about coordinates. On Wednesday we had an art day with Art Scapers! The children had a great time. **Next week**, we will celebrate the coronation of King Charles!

Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, we have continued to build on our knowledge of decimals, including thousandths and comparing and ordering decimals. In English, the children enjoyed writing their own narrative based on a video called "Something fishy". This was set in a laundrette, and the children wrote some fantastic setting description opening paragraphs, before going on to follow the narrative structure we have been working on all year. **Next week**, we will be editing these, and some may even end up on the wow work wall! In History, we concluded our topic on Christianity and looked at how this religion made its way into Africa in the 5th century. In Geography, we looked at sustainable tourism in New Zealand – many of us would love to go there one day after watching a video on it! In spelling this week we have been looking at our hardest set of words yet – those starting with silent letters, including mnemonic and pterodactyl! Finally, in PSHE we continued to discuss the topic of drugs, reminding ourselves of the difference between medical and recreational drugs as part of our overarching topic on drug safety. We are looking forward to the coronation festivities next week!

Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, we have been busy in English focusing on character descriptions and used higher level vocabulary and sentence types. We enjoyed working with circuits in science and devised our own enquiry question to test which will be written up next lesson. We made badges and flags to celebrate the King's coronation and today we will be making crowns. Today the children experienced what sitting a SATs paper will be like including coming in to school early for breakfast. **Next week**, we will write a character description in response to a short film.

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