

# 04.05.23 Newsletter



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## Welcome



Dear Parents,

We have been building up all week to the Coronation and are looking forward to the celebrations starting in school tomorrow afternoon. Classes will be enjoying different activities in the afternoon and weather permitting the children will have an outside picnic towards the end of the afternoon. A huge thank you to FOSPA for their support of this, including funding a keyring for each child to keep as a memento.

The school was visited last week by other headteachers from the academy trust who spoke to children about their writing. It was a very useful experience for the school and the children spoken to were complimented about how articulately and confidently they spoke. This week curriculum monitoring has taken place with the Academy Council, this highlighted the progress we are making with the wider curriculum as we revamp it ready for September.

Enjoy another long weekend!

Gordon Nunn

Acting Headteacher

Tuesday 9th May - No Entry via back of school



Please note that on Tuesday 9th May, the church car park is being resurfaced and therefore there will be no entry to the school via the back gates. Please use the front gate by Explorer Class.

### Coronation Cupcake Competition

Thank you for all your amazing entries.

We were overwhelmed by the baking efforts of pupils across the school, the judges found it very hard to pick two.

Well done to our winners!



## Changes to reporting of Minor Injuries

We will no longer be sending home paper slips for minor injuries. Instead, you will receive an email, explaining what has happened and what treatment your child received.

Any injury to a child's head or a serious accident will still receive a call home from the school office during the day.

## Coronation Celebrations - Friday 5th May



Just a reminder that tomorrow (Friday 5th May) we will be celebrating the King's Coronation.

Children can wear red, white or blue to school.

Pupils will still need school /packed lunches as normal.

FOSPA have organised a school picnic/snacks for pupils tomorrow afternoon. (All allergies have been catered for).

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

## Breaktime Snacks



Children across the school are learning about healthy eating. Please can we remind you that break time snacks should be healthy, ideally fruit or vegetables.



## HomeRun App

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## Medical Conditions



If your child uses an inhaler, could you please complete the attached form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

This is to ensure we have up to date records that reflect your child's current needs.

If you require a paper copy, please contact the school office.

## School Attendance

**A reminder that term-time holidays will not be classed as authorised absences. In Term 5, children in Years 2 and 6 are completing statutory assessments, followed by Year 1 children (Phonics) and Year 4 children (Times Tables) in Term 6. It is crucial that children are in school during this time.**

**We are monitoring attendance every two weeks, focusing on children whose overall attendance is below 90%. We will invite parents to an absence review meeting if the attendance is below 85% and we have not previously discussed it with you.**

Any leave of absence during term time will only be granted in 'exceptional circumstances'. In the Education Act the Department for Education states: *every day at school counts enormously and so does every consecutive day attended by pupils. Pupils need to be able to absorb new facts and knowledge, acquire new skills and consolidate before building further and progressing. They simply cannot do so if their structured school terms are disrupted by too many preventable absences.*

If the absence has not been authorised by the school and an absence occurs, where the child's total unauthorised absences amounts to 10 or more sessions (5 school days), continuous or aggregated within the previous six months within the current academic year (including the most recent unauthorised absence), schools are expected to notify the Education Welfare Service.

We will notify you by letter if your child's unauthorised absences amount to 10 sessions or more and a notification has been made. A regular check is made on attendance for all pupils and if a pupil's attendance falls below 90% there will be a follow up from the school.

The Educational Welfare Service have made it clear that if children are taken on holiday in term time because of their need to go on holiday at a quieter time, medical evidence will need to be provided with an application form for absence.

## Online Safety



## No Parking outside back gates



Please can we remind parents not to park in this area outside the school's back gates. We need to ensure this area remains safe for pupils and their families when walking to and from school. The church has also asked us to remind parents that their car park is private and is only to be used by preschool families at drop-off and pick-up.



## Community Book Swap



Have you found our Community Book Swap cupboard yet?

There are lots of lovely books available to read.

It is located outside the main school office. We have put this here to encourage all members of the community to keep on reading.

If you have any books that you are not going to read again, pop them on the bookshelf for others to enjoy. Whilst you are there, have a look to see whether there is anything that takes your interest.

Books for all ages and abilities are welcome, just do not forget to swap a book in so we can keep the shelves full!

## Dates for your diary

### May

9/5/23 - 12/5/23 Year 6 SATs

9/5/23 Odyssey Class trip to REME Museum

10/5/23 Pioneer Class trip to REME Museum

19/5/23 Year 6 Cricket Festival

22/5/23-26/5/23 Year 6 residential

26/5/23 End of Term 5

### June

14/6/23 Sports Day (KS2 am, FS/KS1 pm)

20/6/23 Year 6 Chippenham Games

## Term Dates

Term 5: 17/4/23-26/5/23 (Bank holidays on 1st and 8th May)

Term 6: 6/6/23-21/7/23

Remaining TD Days (children not in school): Monday 5th June, Monday 24th July, Tuesday 25th July

## Flu and Covid Update

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are present in the school community. Nationally, high numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on NHS.UK.