



Issue 14

Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break. It has been lovely to welcome you back to our summer term, which is starting to host a few sunny days! As the better weather starts please make sure your child has sun cream / hat, but whilst it is still changeable please ensure coats continue to come into school.

As we approach next week, the children will be learning about the Coronation and completing a range of activities in classes to extend their knowledge further. We have planned to mark the occasion at the end of term with our traditional Maypole event, on Friday 26th May, and hereby invite you to join us for the afternoon; from 1.30pm. This will be weather permitting on the playground. We of course will keep you updated as we near the date and a more accurate weather report. In the meantime we hope you enjoy your own Coronation celebrations of this momentous event.

Second hand uniform: To help with sustainability and the cost of living. We have a permanent second hand uniform shop in school, we just ask for a small donation. As we know children all grow quickly and often outgrow items before the items show much if not any sign of wear, so please ask and come in to look.

Egg in a box:



Thank you so much to the children who took part in Friends Egg in a box competition. This is always a great competition to judge because of the creativity, however, equally difficult due to the quality produced. I am delighted to announce the winners as follows; Reception: Evie, Year 1: Mila & Icarus, Year 2: Elle, Year 3: Joel, Year 5: Grace, Year 6: Zoe. Thank you to Friends for providing some chocolate treats for the winners. All of the entrants shared their entries and received 5 house points for participating. The overall winner was Grace in year 5, for her farmyard setting, well done Grace!

Big Dance:

Huge congratulations to the year 5 & 6 children who participated in this year's Big Dance. The choreography from AB Stage School was taught to the whole class who then certainly polished their performance through lots of practice with Mrs Winter, Miss Sherwood and Mrs Jones. The song 'I Ain't Worried' by One Republic was the perfect choice as the children showed great confidence in being themselves on the stage at HCC last Thursday. Thank you to all involved and well done.



Tag Rugby:

The Tag Rugby Team chose a lovely afternoon on Wednesday to compete in the HASP competition this week. Well done to the team and thank you to Miss Sherwood for taking the team. The team worked incredibly well together and transferred their new knowledge of the game into several matches. I am always very proud to hear positive feedback about how the pupils conduct themselves when representing the school and again they were commended on their great behaviour and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the team.





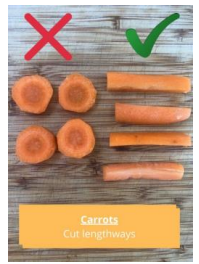
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Chartwells:



As you know our school dinners are cooked on site by Hanna and Claire from Chartwells. All pupils are entitled to a free meal in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – please take up this amazing offer, there is a vast menu on offer. In addition Hanna has passed on important information highlighting the risk of choking. It is recommended that food is cut for pupils in the following ways; Grapes: Cut lengthways into quarters • Cherry tomatoes and melon balls: Cut into quarters • Carrots and firm raw salad vegetables: Cut into batons • Cooking high risk vegetables (where possible). Although, carrots are high risk when raw and cut into the discs, the risk of choking can be reduced if cut into batons, even if served raw. If you send in a packed lunch from home, please consider these recommendations.



Snacks at playtime and for clubs:

As we all know children are very busy at school and often need some refuelling. We have a fruit trolley which is available to children in Reception, year 1 and year 2. However, we will always offer fruit if a child is hungry. In years 3-6 we ask you to send in a healthy snack for your child and for those who require it when staying for clubs and after school care. The definition of a healthy snack is subjective. However, at school we ask that snacks do not comprise chocolate and are not sweets. Please also remember we are a NUT FREE school, due to allergies at school, thank you.



Cade Street Nursery:

Huge thanks are extended to Cade Street nursery for donating an array of plants and some planting soil, this was very warmly received and our new gardening club enjoyed planting alongside Miss Sherwood.

Hazel class:

“Pinocchio and the Three Frogs!” Hazel class have been enjoying reading a wide range of traditional tales. We enjoyed being creative with our writing last week playing around with well-known fairy-tale characters and creating our own traditional tale with a twist. Please ask your child to retell their story.



We have enjoyed playing with a range of puppets over the last two weeks and even create our own puppet show theatre in the classroom! We are now looking forward to learning the skills we need to be able to make our own in Design Technology. Bring on the sewing skills!



To culminate our recent RE learning we enjoyed exploring Arabic geometric patterns which we then added important words to guide us in our daily life. This encouraged us to develop our own virtues, in a similar vein to holy words guiding Muslims in their daily life.



Class attendance	Beech	Hazel	Oak	Elm
Week 1	94%	93%	95%	92%
Week 2	94%	93%	96%	92%

At the end of week 2 our school attendance is 93.5%, our target is 96%.

Out of school achievements:

Congratulations to Neve who continues to work with her dance group and who have qualified in 3rd place in the regional finals. Keep dancing!

Congratulations are also sent to Daisy for her Irish dancing skills and attaining 1st place in her recent competition.

Well done to you both and in the words of the late Len Goodman... Keeping dancing!



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Star of the week: Each week the adults and children reflect in their classes and choose a member of the class to receive the 'Star of the week' certificate. I am pleased to share that in...

Weeks 1 & 2:

Beech: Bradley Hazel: Elle Oak: George Wy. Elm: Rosie G.
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Thank you for being the best you can be!

Wishing you a lovely bank holiday weekend – we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2nd May.

Kind regards,
C. Kinsella

*All dates are subject to change – more details will follow regarding specifics.
Yellow highlight shows new additions/ changes from the previous newsletter.*

Term and Week	Date	Event
T5 W3	Monday 1st May	Bank holiday – school closed
T5 W3 – W6	Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 26 th May	Y2 SATs throughout the month
T5 W3	Thursday 4 th May	RNLI assembly to the school
T5 W3	Friday 5 th May	Class photographs Coronation lunch – pupils order through Chartwells
T5 W3	Friday 5 th May	Year 1 to visit Young at Heart
T5 W4	Monday 8 th May	Bank holiday – school closed (King’s Coronation)
T5 W4	Tuesday 9 th – Thursday 11 th May	Y6 SATs week
T5 W4	Wednesday 10 th May	Y3/4 Tennis competition
T5 W5	Thursday 18 th May	Census day
T5 W6	Wednesday 24 th May	Y3/4 Tri-Golf at Beacon – details to follow
T5 W6	Friday 26 th May	Maypole afternoon – parents/ carers to attend from 1.30pm – 3.00pm – further details to follow
T5 W6	Friday 26th May	Last day of term
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June Half term		
T6 W1	Monday 5th June	First day of term
T6 W1 – W6	Dates TBC	Y2 and Y3 outdoor learning – letter to follow
T6 W1 – W3	Monday 5 th – Friday 23 rd June	Y4 Multiplication check
T6 W1	Tuesday 6 th June	Y6 Bikeability
T6 W1	Friday 9 th June	EY to visit Young at Heart
T6 W2	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th June	Y1 Phonics screening check
T6 W2	Monday 12th June	Y6 Safety in action event – details to follow
T6 W2	Wednesday 14 th June	Friends Father’s Day gift shop – details to follow



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T6 W2	Friday 16 th June	Oak and Elm visit to Wilderness Woods
T6 W3	Tuesday 20 th June	Sports Day – EY/Y1/Y2 am and Y3/Y4/ Y5/ Y6 pm
T6 W3	Wednesday 21 st June	New EYFS (for September) Parent/ Carers evening
T6 W4	Tuesday 28 th June	Reserve Sports Day – EY/Y1/Y2 am and Y3/Y4/ Y5/ Y6 pm
T6 W4	Thursday 29 th June	Y6 to HCC for transition day Whole school transition day in readiness for September 2023
T6 W5	Wednesday 5 th July	Y4/5/6 Swimming gala – details to follow
T6 W5	Thursday 6 th July	Y3 Federation Day at Punnetts Town (details to follow) Y6 Federation Day at Dallington (details to follow)
T6 W6	Tuesday 11 th July	Y6 & 5 to visit Young at Heart Y1 Federation Day at Dallington (details to follow) Y2 Federation Day at Punnetts Town (details to follow)
T6 W6	Wednesday 12 th July	Y5/6 End of year production at the Village Hall
T6 W6	Saturday 15 th July	Friends Summer Fete – details to follow
T6 W7	Tuesday 18 th July	Y4 Federation Day at Dallington (details to follow) Y5 Federation Day at Punnetts Town (details to follow)
T6 W7	Wednesday 19 th July	Punnetts Towns Got Talent – child to share a talent to the school
T6 W7	Friday 21 st July	Last day of term
Monday 24th July – Thursday 31st August Summer Holiday		
Friday 1st September – INSET		
Monday 4th September – Children to return to school		