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Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has given us a chance to celebrate our Year 6 pupils, who have been sitting their end of Key Stage assessments. Our staff team have served breakfast to the children each morning and it has been lovely to see the pupils preparing for the day in this way and being together as a year group. I have seen some national news regarding the reading paper. At the time of writing, I have not been made aware of pupils who found the paper too much to engage with. I am pleased that our children showed the resilience to take on what was evidently a tough task. Congratulations to all on what has been achieved this week. I would also like to say a big thank you to our parent volunteers, who have ensured we can administer the tests accurately, and to our staff members who led the children (and prepared breakfast!) this week.

We enjoyed a stunning day at The Big Coronation Picnic last Sunday. It was a real community celebration and it was fantastic to see so many of you there, enjoying the sunshine and each other's company. The games and attractions being run by the PTA raised just over £600 – an amazing total! Thank you for allowing your children to visit (and re-visit) the attractions and games! The money raised will be spent on benefitting our children. We were really pleased to receive so many excellent entries into our poetry and crown-making competitions. Any remaining certificates will be shared in school. We also have coronation mugs ready for collection, for those of you who still need to use your voucher.

We are likely to be making some changes to the way our Key Stage 2 lunchtimes work in the coming days and weeks. We are seeing a new spike in antisocial behaviour, particularly manifesting itself in swear words. These are casually directed at other children and sometimes used aggressively towards adults. I am sure you will agree that it is important for our children to maintain our values throughout the school day, and for the team of adults to ensure we can safely support and supervise the children to enjoy their lunch break. We will be ensuring protective consequences are in place for antisocial behaviour. If children cannot be safe and respectful outside, obviously they should not go outside. As ever, we appreciate your support in communicating your expectations – which I would hope are very close to our own – to your children.

AND FINALLY: On Wednesday 17th May, there will be a Community Science Show at 3.30pm in the school hall, hosted by the Royal Institute. This is for parents, carers and children. Children MUST be accompanied by a parent or carer.

With best wishes for the short (I was getting used to three days!) weekend, Richard Martin.

Diary Dates...

Wednesday 17th May

Royal Institute Community Science Show
3.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursday, 18th May

Special Lunch Menu for Census Day (attached)

Half term

Monday, 29th May – 2nd June

Phonics Assessment Week

w/c 12th June

Father's Day Present Room

14th – 16th June

School Group Photos

Monday, 19th June

School PTA Summer Fair

Friday, 30th June

Saturday, 1st July

Village Sports Day

Diary Dates, Reminders & Other Info...

'Walk to School' Week

Between **Monday 15th to Friday 19th May 2023**, pupils throughout Britain will be encouraged to travel sustainably to school, whether by walking, scooting, using a wheelchair or cycling.

The aim is to encourage healthy exercise and reduce air pollution which is damaging children's lungs as well as the environment. We hope that as many children as possible will be able to take part in this initiative; even if you live a little too far to walk the whole route, we'd love to hear about the creative ways in which you incorporate exercise into the school run! Please upload any pictures, of your children walking to school, to google classrooms.

Thank you!