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Friday, 27 May 2022

A message from Mr Andrews

Dear Families,

In all of the year groups, it has been fantastic to see all of the wider opportunities being provided (as seen by our half term highlights). The Early years Open morning was extremely well attended and we'd like to thank everyone who was able to come in and join us for an interactive session.

In a week of much celebration, it was lovely to see such a wonderful atmosphere across the two schools and nursery, as they met together on the school field to mix between year groups and share their favourite books. The older children were excellent role models and engaged with the younger pupils, who were equally brilliant pupils with their positive response. This was all capped by Oscar in Year 5's trumpet rendition of 'God Save the Queen' to over 450 pupils and George in Year 2's cornet rendition of our National Anthem. A truly inspiring moment and a fine end to a very purposeful term.

As we look ahead, there are a number of exciting opportunities planned – trips, visitors, residential at the juniors, specific curriculum days and many end of year celebrations. Along with the important transition opportunities (for pupils and for new parents), it looks as if it's shaping up to be a very busy end to the year.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term and jubilee celebrations!

**Best wishes,
Mr Andrews**

Assemblies and Worship

School Values Badge Design Competition

We would like to have school badges made with our School Values on. (Kindness, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect and patience). Please could your child design a badge for us using one of the themes. It must have the Value word on it and a picture and their name on the back. The circular piece of paper or card should have a diameter of about 5cm. Your child can design as many as they like. Please use felt tip pens, so they are bold and bright.

The School Council will judge these after the holiday and will pick the winning designs to be made professionally. We will then use these to give out to children who are demonstrating the values.

Mrs. Miller is excited to see the designs on the first Monday after the holiday please.

St. Peter's Church Service October 1st

On Saturday October 1st, St. Peter's church will be holding a service to re-dedicate the organ that was installed 50 years ago. We are able to invite 20 children and one accompanying adult to this service. Mrs. Miller will attend too and we would like the children to perform our school song linked to our bible Vision of "Ask, Seek, Knock" Please can you email the school office to let Mrs. Miller know if your child would like to be part of this.. The children would be performing first and then can leave if they choose to, or stay for the full service. This is open to children currently in Year 1 and reception as unfortunately Year 2 children will have moved school by then.

Assemblies and Collective Worship

This week in assembly, we have been learning The National Anthem to sing at our Jubilee Celebration on Friday. It is exciting to see some new displays up in the hall and the Year 2 display links to their work completed in R.E. last term.

We also learnt about The Royal Family this week and prayed for the Queen to give thanks for her service.



Stars of the Week

Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

All Children

Red Room

Lunchtime

All Children

Blue Room

Lunchtime

All Children

Elf Owls

Lunchtime

All Children

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Jiya D & Zarah T

Little Owls

Lunchtime

All Children

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Amy McN

Barn Owls

Lunchtime

All Children

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Glennisha P

Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

All Children

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Chloe H

Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

All Children

Learning Behaviour of
the week

Eli F

Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

All Children

Learning Behaviour of
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Olivia H

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NURSERY

We have had a busy week in Nursery! The children have been reading 'The Queen's Handbag' to support their learning around the Queen's Jubilee, they have really loved it and we have enjoyed learning about the Royal Family together. The children in Rainbow Room have used masks to talk about the differences and similarities between people, as well as decorating Jubilee biscuits, using their fine motor skills to spread the icing and pick up the tiny decorations.

In Pre-School, the children have been consolidating their learning on numbers 1-5 by comparing amounts of passengers on a London bus. They have also created postcards for special people, carefully adding pictures on one side and names & addresses on the other. They then looked at stamps and discussed the Queen's face on them. All children across Nursery have made crowns, which they decorated with specific colours or repeating patterns.

Today, the children have enjoyed a Jubilee picnic, with the Queen herself! And they have listened to the author of 'The Queen's Handbag', Steve Antony, read his own story to us via Teams; a real treat!

We wish you a lovely half-term break, and look forward to seeing you all in June!



RECEPTION

A short half term, but another very busy one! The children have continued to grow in independence in all areas, especially writing. We have seen real progress with phonics and reading. The children are spotting graphemes in words and reading longer words. It has been exciting to look at numbers to 20 and above in maths and we are looking forward to applying this knowledge to help us with doubling, grouping and sharing. We will be reading a selection of Traditional Tales over the next few weeks – lots of 'once upon a time' and 'happily ever after'. We will also be getting ready to go into Year 1.

We've had a fab week celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The whole school has based the week around the story of 'The Queen's Handbag'. We have written about parts of the story and made handbags that fit a packet of sweets inside (The Queen usually has a packet of mints in her bag). We have looked at the different places in the British Isles from the story. The role play has become Buckingham Palace complete with thrones and crowns, we even have an orb and sceptre. We have looked at a timeline of the Queen's life and ordered pictures of her from a baby to an adult. The children have got ready for a Jubilee street party in the outdoor area, they have laid the table and even pinned the tail on the corgi!

There was great excitement when the whole school went to the junior school field. It was lovely to meet up with the children and hear them read stories to our children. We have had a whole school street/playground party for lunch with a special royal visitor. The week was finished off with Steve Antony, the author of The Queen's handbag meeting us over Teams to read the story and show how he drew the illustrations for his book.



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YEAR 1

This half term we completed our 'I am alive' topic. The children have spent time looking after their bean seeds and writing up their Non-Fiction observations. We took a look at the traditional tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and the children impressed us with their recounts of the story. 'Jack and the Jellybeanstalk' proved to be a hit amongst both classes- they loved this different version of the story. After making comparisons between the two stories the children created fantastic cohesively linked sentences to detail the main events. Literacy during the final week of half term had a Jubilee twist – we were SO impressed by the children's riddles about the Queen! They loved revealing their clues!

In Maths, we've completed lots of mini units! From halves and quarters, to time, money and position/direction. The children have grasped the concepts quickly and worked hard to overcome any challenges faced along the way. Again, Maths took a Jubilee twist during the final week by figuring out the different positions and/or directions that the queen would be taking to reach various points of interest.

Thank you SO much to Mrs Lewis for helping us tidy up our Year 1 garden. The children were excited to be able to plant the seeds they have looked after since before half term! It is looking fabulous at the minute, with flower beds full of various vegetables! We cannot wait to watch the garden bloom over Summer 2 – hopefully we see some butterflies visit the wild garden! (The children had THE BEST time **throwing** fresh wild flower seeds into that part!)

The Jubilee celebrations have been thoroughly enjoyed by the Year 1 children. We started the week with some traditional Maypole dancing led by Mrs Rawes! They were fantastically behaved during the visit to the junior school. Each class buddied up with a Year 5 class and listened to stories whilst enjoying a treat! The bunting they created and decorated their outside area with gave a real sense of excitement. Costumes looked fab on Friday and the picnic proved to be a big success. We hope the children go on to enjoy more Jubilee celebrations over the next week! We'd love to see some photos on Seesaw if so!

Next half term looks to be a good one – it's time for the Great Fire of London!



YEAR 2

Wow! What an exciting and exhausting week we have had in year 2.

This week we have carried on learning how to weigh in grams and kilograms. As part of this learning we have baked some biscuits for The Queen's Jubilee. In reading we have looked at comics and have had a go at making inferences by drawing pictures to match the comic captions. In literacy we have read the story of 'The Queen's Handbag' and have written our own ending to the story. In topic we have learned all about the Commonwealth countries and have learned about The Queen's coronation. We created our own dice with facts about The Queen on it and have really enjoyed taking part in all the special celebrations.



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School Information

Please remember we are a 'NUT FREE' school and nursery and includes food that may contain nuts or nut seeds like chocolate spread, pesto and other items, thank you.

SCHOOL BOOK BAGS - Please can your child's book bag be brought into school everyday containing their library and reading books, thank you.

DIARY DATES

Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th

Wednesday 8th

Thursday 9th

Friday 10th

Martial Arts

Collection from the back of the Hall

Spanish Club

Collection from the back of the Hall

Performing Arts

Collection from School office

Football

Collection from the back of the Hall

Violin lessons

12.50pm - 2.50pm

Football

Collection from the back of the Hall

Performing Arts

Collection from the back of the Hall

OWLS After School and Nursery Club—Street Party

On Thursday evening, the children in Owls were treated to a street style party that Nicola D kindly came up with the idea of and all the staff helped organise and arrange, thank you very much ladies!

Here are some pictures of the fun the children had.



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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30th May to 3rd June	SCHOOL & NURSERY—MAY HALF TERM
Tuesday 14th June	Year 2 Coombe Abbey Science trip - letter went home yesterday
Friday 17th June	Non-uniform day for Dunchurch Festival Tombola (sweets as a donation)
Sunday 26th June	11.30am Walking Float, Dunchurch Festival
Monday 27th June	Teacher Training Day—LAST ONE THIS YEAR
Tuesday 28th June	Tawny Owls visit Junior school - 1.30pm to 3pm (children only)
Tuesday 28th June	New to Reception evening in School Hall - 5.30pm to 6.30pm—letters to follow
Wednesday 29th June	Spectacled Owls visit Junior school - 1.30pm to 3pm (children only)
Friday 1st July	Year 2&3 Teddy Bears Picnic and Sports afternoon at Juniors - more details to follow
Tuesday 5th July	Celebration of Church School Status with visit from Bishop Christopher - more details to follow
Wednesday 6th July	Warwickshire Induction Day
Tuesday 12th July	Sports Day for school children - 9.30am to 11.30am - Junior school field. Parents invited to watch. Letter to follow with colour t-shirt for each child.
Monday 18th July	Nursery Leavers assembly - Preschool children Parents invited AM - more details to follow
Monday 18th July	Year 2 Maypole dancing for Rugby in Bloom - details to follow
Monday 18th July	Open Evening for all parents and carers from 5.30pm
Tuesday 19th July	Year 2 performance - 9.30am and 2pm - 2 adults per child - letter to follow
Wednesday 20th July	Year 2 Maypole Dance and food - 5pm to 6.30pm. 2 adults per child - more details to follow.
Thursday 21st July	SCHOOL & NURSERY—finish for Summer Holidays at normal school time

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Woody's Half Term Blog



Ready for the Jubilee



Birthday boy



PIC•COLLAGE



Fun in the nursery



Off for walkies.

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Jubilee Story time with the Junior school and Picnic Lunch with singing

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Jubilee week in school and nursery, especially going down to the Junior school field and enjoying a story and treat.

Today they all joined in with a big outside picnic whilst singing songs.

Afterwards we were joined via TEAMS with Steve Antony the author of 'The Queen's Handbag', he read the children the story and showed them how to draw a corgi.

