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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°30)
5th May 2023

- Thank you to all the parents and carers that came along to the Coronation picnic lunch today. It was good to see so many of you with your children and hope that you enjoyed it. We were very impressed with the children singing the Coronation song. We are very proud of them. A special mention to Mandy and her team of caterers (HC3S) that provided the Coronation packed lunch for those that ordered it, the decorations and the commemorative cupcake that was provided for every child in school (367). Perhaps we were very lucky with the weather and it was good that we had a plan B ready.
- I was invited to meet the latest addition to the Barry family this week, Alfie. Mum and Alfie are all well and dad returns to school from his paternity leave next week. They said it was ok to share the picture below and asked me to thank everyone for the gifts and best whises.
- I feel that I say this too many times… When we invite you into school, it's not unreasonable to expect people to be conscientious about where they park. Yet again, office staff here have received very abusive calls demanding that the school sorts parking issues. Blocking drives that prevent people leaving their homes for work or preventing the Stagecoach bus from entering Pinewood… well, do I need to say anymore?
- We are looking for a family to look after the guinea pigs and the rabbits during half term week beginning Monday 29th May 2023. If you are interested, please contact Sioux Harman, Site Manager, via the school office. Everything you need will be provided.
- We have been notified that the Yr6 transition dates for children going to Cove Secondary School clashes with the Yr6 Residential to Grittleton House. I have contacted Cove School to see if they could arrange their visit for another week. I spoke to Dr King today and he said he would arrange an additional taster session for the 42 children on the Yr6 residential. Mrs Harraway (Head of Yr7/transition coordinator will arrange a date and let parents know asap.
- All the children were given a bookmark to commemorate the King's Coronation today.
- A few reminders:
  - Monday 8th May 2023: Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – school closed.
  - Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May 2023: Yr6 KS2 National Tests. It's important that all Yr6 children are in school that week to take the tests even if they feel unwell. Obviously, not if they are really sick. A hot breakfast will be provided by the school caterers for the children that have signed up via Arbor. Please make sure your child arrives in plenty of time for a prompt start to the tests.
  - Monday 15th to Friday 19th May 2023: Yr5 Residential visit to Swanage. A final letter with details about drop off has been sent out.
  - Monday 15th to Friday 19th May 2023: Walk to School Week. Please see the attached flyer for more information. As Yr5 are on their residential during that week, they can complete the challenge the following week beginning Monday 22nd May 2023.
  - Wednesday 24th May 2023: Guillemont's Got Musical Talent. A letter has been sent out with details.
  - Friday 26th May 2023: Yr3 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace and sleepover on the school field. A letter has been sent out this week. A reminder please that we need parents or carers that can help put up the tents on Friday after school and take them down again on Saturday at 1pm. Any help will be gratefully received. If we do not get enough help it may mean that we will be unable to go ahead with the sleepover. Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. Thank you.
  - Friday 26th May 2023: Yr6 Aldershot Military Museum visit. A letter has been sent out this week with details. The children will travel by public transport to the museum.
  - Thursday 8th June 2023: Yr4 Residential presentation for the parents and carers of the current Yr3 children. We are planning a 3 day/2 night residential to Ufton Court, near Reading, to take place in November 2023. Further details will be sent out shortly. In the meantime, please take

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a look at the residential information on the website with details of the visit that took place this year.

- Attendance Information: A reminder that 96% attendance and punctuality is the target.

W/B. 1st May 2023	
Class	**% Attendance**
CJ	100.0%
ER	98.3%
LM	98.2%
MP	97.5%
DB	97.5%
EA	96.8%
NB	96.4%
KT	95.3%
LA	95.2%
YK	94.8%
EW	94.7%
SD	91.0%
AB	89.1%

- There were no certificates today as the children were only in school for two days this week.
- We wish our children, families and friends an enjoyable Coronation Bank Holiday weekend and look forward to the children returning next Tuesday.

Best wishes

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