



Dear Parents/Carers,

Since our last newsletter we have all benefitted from a lovely Bank Holiday weekend for the start of May and we hope this was relaxing family time for everyone. Since returning back to school we have all been very busy with the children working hard and enthusiastically.

### **Mind Assembly**

This week, 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May, is Mental Health Awareness week which is the UK's national week to raise awareness of the importance of our mental health. In honour of this it was appropriate that our representative from MIND, Ms Delphine Greene, visited the school to lead another assembly on Monday.

We were pleased to see Delphine reminding the children to talk to an adult if they have sad feelings so that the little feelings do not grow and become overwhelming. Please be aware that your children are encouraged to share their feelings and that talking and listening can help a lot.



### **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Great excitement has been growing in school as we get ready to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the end of this first half term. Children have been learning all about the Queen's reign and how she is our longest serving monarch. They have enjoyed learning about her royal residences and about her love of corgis! Year 1 are going to visit Windsor Castle on Monday as part of our celebrations.

We hope you have noticed and admired our colourful Union Jack bunting which is decorating our playground and helping to put us into a celebratory spirit. We are currently planning our special Jubilee party which will take place on the afternoon of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, just before we break for the half term holiday.



If the weather is kind we hope to have a festive tea-party on the playground, plant a new tree as part of the green canopy initiative and make a small presentation to each child. We hope it will be a memorable day.

## Gardening Fun!

Earlier in the year, pupils in Year 1 planted two rows of broad bean plants in their planting bed and Year 2 planted some seed potatoes. With the sunshine and rain that we have had recently, these are really growing well and the children have been studying how well they are doing. Our tallest bean plant has now reached 70cm. We are also about to plant sunflowers.



## UK Textile Recycling



So far in this academic year we have received £226.23 from the UK Textile Recycling company that provide the unwanted clothes unit in our staff car park.

Please help up raise even more money by donating your unwanted clothing. All donated items should be put in a plastic bag and placed in the blue textile recycling bin. Please remember you can also donate shoes too. Thank you so much for your support; it is an easy way to make extra money for the school.

## Attendance in School

We would like to remind all parents that **holidays** in term time are not permissible. When a child misses school it is disruptive to both the child and all other members of the class – in addition it hinders academic progress. Fortunately, the school closure periods amount to over 12 weeks which is ample time to enjoy a break with your family or friends. Please, out of respect to the staff who work hard to plan and deliver first class learning opportunities, can you refrain from organising holidays in term time.

**Attendance – Just a reminder about how important it is for your child not to miss school other than for illness.**

**On your child's annual report we are required to state their attendance. Please note that 90% attendance may sound okay but in effect it equates to your child missing: -**

**A half day each week**

**Nearly 4 weeks every school year**

**Or, a whole year in a school career!**

**Please help the school achieve its attendance target of 96%**

## **Sickness – Diarrhoea and Vomiting**

Just an important reminder to parents – we have had quite a few pupils this week suffering from tummy bugs that cause diarrhea and vomiting. Please be aware that Public Health England and NHS state that children should be off school for **48 hours** so as to prevent any infection spreading to other pupils and staff – please see attached information sheet on unwell children.

## **School Champions**

At the end of every week staff review the effort and performance of children in each class and make two special awards: the 'Star of the Week' award and the 'Best Listener' award. Certificates are then presented in our Friday assembly and children congratulated. The award-winning champions for the first week back in school are: -

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

#### ***Best Listeners: -***

*Year R – A B*  
*Year 1 – I M*  
*Year 2 – C T*

#### ***Stars of the Week: -***

*Year R – D D*  
*Year 1 – C W*  
*Year 2 – J T*

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

#### ***Best Listeners: -***

*Year R – A S*  
*Year 1 – L R*  
*Year 2 – R R*

#### ***Stars of the Week: -***

*Year R – Y V*  
*Year 1 – G L*  
*Year 2 – K S*

Best class for lining up this week - Year R and last week – Year 2  
Best attendance this week – Year R and last week – Year 2

## **Achievements Outside of School**

It is always so lovely to hear of pupil achievements outside of school. Last week one of Year 1 pupils showed us a medal and trophy having won at the Fulmer Fun Day and AD brought in an enormous goose egg shell that she found whilst out on a bike ride. This week CH has passed his Level one Taekwondo and is now able to wear a purple belt and SS has achieved her Duckling 3 award in swimming. A big Well Done to all four pupils!

## **Sports Day**

Coming out today by email will be details of our Sports Day. This will be the first time for 3 years that the event has taken place and so we are really looking forward to it! Please put the date and time in your diaries – **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 1:00pm at King Georges Recreation Field.** Reserve day Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June if the weather is wet.

## Diary Dates



<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 1 trip to visit Windsor Castle
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 2 Games trip to CHA
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Healthy Lifestyle Event
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Queen's Platinum Celebration Party (details to follow)
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	School closes for half term (2.45pm/3pm)
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School open
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 2 Rainforest Day (details to follow)
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Parent Mind Workshop (9am – all parents invited)
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day (see email sent 13.5.22)
<b>Thu 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 Athletics Trip (details to follow)
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Father's Day Event 9am (details to follow)
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	School Theatre trip – The Tiger Who Came to Tea (details to follow)

## And Finally.....

The term is progressing well and we are enjoying helping the children learn. We love their enthusiasm and creativity. Thank you for continuing to support the school so well.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing  
Co- Headteachers

## Fun on the Climbing Frame

