

Newsletter 7 - 20th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We trust that you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday. The children have settled back to routines and expectations very well and are enjoying their new topics. Please continue to check your child's book bag and the school website for any information.

Half term topics

Year group Curriculum newsletters will also come out this week detailing the topic for this half term and suggesting ways you can support your child's learning at home. Please can we ask that you read with your child little and often to develop their decoding/blending skills and comprehension.

Telephone Pupil Progress Consultations

Similar to the phone consultations in December, we are offering parents the opportunity to have another update with your child's class teacher next week to discuss their current achievements and ways you can support at home. An email and text has been sent for you to make your booking. Please ensure that you have provided the best number for the teacher to contact you.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Scotford-Smith in YR as Learning Support Assistant.

Strike Days

The Department of Education (DfE) has confirmed 2 further days of teacher strikes: **Thursday 27th April** and **Tuesday 2nd May**. There will be a change to the children who can attend school on these forthcoming dates. A reminder text will be sent on Monday 24th April. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Clubs

Due to the Bank Holidays and strike days, we will not be holding any After School Activity Clubs this half term apart from the Football Club on Thursdays which is managed by our external company, Stow Sports. We are planning new clubs to start on Wednesday 7th June. Details will follow.

King's Coronation

We are planning a theme day on Friday 5th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. We would like the children to wear red, white and blue on this day. We are hosting a street party for lunch and details will follow about our picnic bag lunch options. If any parent/grandparent has any memorabilia about King Charles and/or Queen Elizabeth, we would like to share them with the children. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help.

Italian Theme Day

Our Language of this Half-term is Italian. We are planning a range of activities to celebrate this country on Friday 26th May. Children can wear red, white and green clothes to school on this day.

Special Relative Day

Our previous events have been very well attended and the children thoroughly enjoy showing off their work to their relatives. We are hosting our next event on Friday 26th May at 2.15 - 3.15pm.

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Sickness Absence

We are changing our school policy on sickness and diarrhoea. If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, they now need to be clear for 24 hours since the last bout rather than 48 hours before returning to school.

Volunteers

We are looking for any volunteers who would be able to support the school with reading and school trips. A DBS check would need to be completed. Please see the school office for further information.

Key Dates:

24 th April -	School Council visit to Houses of Parliament
24 th April -	YR Telephone Pupil Progress Consultations
25 th April -	Y1 Telephone Pupil Progress Consultations
26 th April -	Y2 Telephone Pupil Progress Consultations
1 st May -	School Closed Bank Holiday
5 th May -	King's Coronation Theme Day
8 th May -	School Closed Bank Holiday
22 nd May -	Y2 Space Buggy workshop with parents (details to follow)
26 th May -	Italian Theme Day
	2.15pm - Special Relative Visit
	Break Up at 3.15pm for half term
5 th June -	INSET: School Closed
6 th June -	School starts at 8.45am

Thank you for your continuing support.



Larissa James
Headteacher