



Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### **Newsletter 6 – May 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin my newsletter by saying a massive thank you to Mrs Astbury, our Year 2 teacher, who was the driving force behind our stunning Art Exhibition. Mrs Astbury worked with each class, teaching the children about the artist and their particular art style. She then taught the children the art skills that they



needed to create their artwork. The children were so proud to see their work exhibited in the hall. For many children it was the first time that they had experienced an art gallery. I hope that you enjoyed visiting the exhibition and thank you to everyone who supported the event.



### **Water Safety Assembly**

We had our second visit of the year from the RNLI recently. During the assembly the visitors told the children how to stay safe at the beach and near water. It was a really engaging presentation and the children learned lots of very useful information.



### **Relationships and Health Education Policy**

We understand our responsibility to deliver a high-quality, age-appropriate and evidence-based relationships and health curriculum for all our pupils. This policy sets out the framework for our relationships and health curriculum, providing clarity on how it is informed, organised and delivered. This policy has been updated recently and is available on our school website. If you wish to discuss any aspects of this policy then please contact school.

### **King's Coronation**

The children enjoyed all of the Coronation activities that happened in the classroom on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. They especially enjoyed the picnic lunch prepared by our kitchen staff. Sadly, the weather wasn't good enough to eat outside as we had planned, but it definitely didn't dampen our spirits.



We received a lot of entries for the crown colouring competition. They are all displayed in the entrance hall.

The winning entry for our school (which was chosen by our School Cook) is Olive from F2. Olive's entry has been submitted along with the entries from all of the other Edsential schools and we are waiting to hear whether she will win the Chester Zoo tickets. A big well done to Olive!

### **Online Safety**

Our children hear online safety messages as part of their Computing lessons. It is important that these messages are reinforced at home. The NSPCC has a wealth of resources and guidance which families may find useful.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>  
<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/online-safety-tips-for-parents>

### **Lost Property**

I know how frustrating it is when children lose some of their clothing in school, but school is a very busy place and items do get mislaid. As the weather improves, the children will be more likely to take off cardigans and jumpers, so I would urge parents to make sure that their child's clothing is clearly labelled so it can be easily returned. This is what our Lost Property box looks like at the moment and unfortunately the clothing isn't named, making it very difficult to return to the right owner.



### **Year 2 Statutory Assessment Tests**

Our Year 2 children have completed all of the Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). We were so proud of how hard they worked and the resilience they demonstrated when faced with some quite challenging tasks. It was also rather hard for our staff because they were unable to offer any help which of course is quite unnatural.

The teachers will now use the assessments and evidence collated over the year to award the children a standard. You will receive your child's assessment levels in their annual school report.

### **Phonic Screening Check**

W/c 12<sup>th</sup> June our Year 1 children will take the Phonic Screening check.

### **School Summer Fair**

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June FOBHHS Non-Uniform Day (pyjamas can be worn); sweet donations for the Summer Fair.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June FOBHHS Non-Uniform Day, pre-loved toys and book donations for the Summer Fair. Cake donations can also be made on this day.
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1 - 3pm Summer Fair at the Junior School.

### **Sun Protection/Procedures**

#### **Uniform**

Children should wear school uniform at all times except when it is their PE day. On PE days they should wear black or blue shorts/leggings and a white t-shirt. For safety reasons children need to wear appropriate footwear to school. Crocs, flip-flops or strappy sandals are not permitted. Socks should also be worn.

#### **Sun Hats**

On sunny days all children are expected to wear a sun hat. If your child does not already have a sun hat in school please could a labelled hat be sent in, which can be left in school for the remainder of the Summer Term. If you wish to purchase a Black Horse Hill sun hat these are available to buy on ParentPay at a cost of £5.50.

#### **Sun Cream**

Parents are requested to apply appropriate sunscreen for their children. This should be applied before the children come to school in the morning. If you have any concerns about this please speak to your child's class teacher. We do encourage children to find a shady space on hot days and we do limit time outside if it is extremely hot.

#### **Water Bottles**

Children should always have a water bottle in school. These can be refilled throughout the day from the water cooler. As we are a health-promoting school children should only have water in their bottles.

#### **Attendance**

A reminder that (school) holiday requests cannot be approved in term time. Holiday leave may be granted in exceptional circumstances. The principles for defining exceptional are: 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short', with 'unavoidable' meaning an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time and proof of these elements would need to be obtained.

### **Healthy Body and Healthy Mind week**

During the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> June our children will participate in a range of activities linked to keeping physically and mentally well. On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be having our annual Sports Day (weather permitting) and you will find below the times for your child's year group. Parents/carers are invited to attend to watch their child take part in a carousel of sports activities.

- 9am - 10am Yr2 parents/carers
- 10am - 11am Yr1 parents/carers
- 11am - 12noon F2 parents/carers

All parents/carers are invited to watch the fun. Those of you who have attended before will know that sports activities are set out on the field for children to attempt. They are set out in a circular shape and the children move round the activities on a given signal. There will also be a competitive element to Sports Day with children competing for their colour team.

If the weather is bad, a decision on whether the event will run will be made at 8.15am on the morning of Sports Day. Parents/Carers will be informed if the event is cancelled via our text to parents system.

To link in with the Open Golf Tournament Mr Hamm and Callum (sports coach) will be arranging some Tri-golf sessions for the children during this week as they have received training and a golf resource pack. Fore!!

Mrs McLeod will be organising activities for F1 across the whole week so that children attending on different days will not miss out.

### **Class Assemblies**

The dates and times are as follows.

Assemblies will begin at 2.20pm and parents/carers will be admitted from 2.10pm.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July Mrs Astbury's class assembly

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July Miss Murphy's class assembly

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July Mrs Lucan's class assembly

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July Mrs Bancroft's class assembly

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July Mr Hamm's class assembly

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July Mr Young's class assembly

### **PE days for next half term**

**Monday - Year 2 (EA and TM)**

**Wednesday - F2 (SB and SL)**

**Friday - Year 1 (CY and DH)**

### **Fundraising for Claire House**

One of our parents is aiming to climb three mountains in twenty-four hours to raise money for Claire House. You can read all about the reason behind the fundraising on the following site and make a donation if you wish to.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vicki-gander2>

### **Annexe Rental**

Our annexe is currently used for our before and after school club. This operates from 7.15-9.30am and 2.30-5.45pm. The building is, however, available for hire between these times. If you are interested in using this building then please contact our school office for rental costs and more information.

## **Diary Dates**

### **May**

- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May Non-Uniform (optional donation for school fund on ParentPay)

### **June**

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June Children return to school
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June F2 Chester Zoo trip
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June FOBHHS Non-Uniform Day (pyjamas can be worn), sweet donations for the Summer Fair
- W/c 12<sup>th</sup> June Phonic Screening Check
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June Before school Judo club starts
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June Class Photographs
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June FOBHHS Non-Uniform Day, toys and book donations for the Summer Fair. Cake donations can also be made on this day
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June School Summer Fair 1-3pm @ Junior School
- W/c 19<sup>th</sup> June Healthy Body, Healthy Mind week
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June Yr2 Beeston Castle trip
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Sports Day  
9am - 10am Yr2 parents  
10am - 11am Yr1 parents  
11am - 12noon F2 parents

### **July**

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July Mrs Astbury's class
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July Miss Murphy's class
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July Annual reports to parents
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July FOBHHS Summer disco
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July Mrs Lucan's class
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July Mrs Bancroft's class
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July Mr Hamm's class
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July Mr Young's class
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July school closes
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July Home learning

### **September**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Children return to school

Yours sincerely,

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