

15TH MAY 2023

St Ethelwold's VA School



Good afternoon and welcome to your St Ethelwold's VA School newsletter.

The last two four-day weeks seem to have flown in the blink of an eye! All of the teachers and children have been busy preparing the Coronation booklet and we are really looking forward to putting the finishing touches to it and sending them home with the children.

We are still looking for parents and carers to come forward to be a part of the Parent Forum. This is a great opportunity to meet with staff and bring your views and the views of other parents to really make a difference and help to improve school. We tend to meet around once a term for around an hour or less and it is very informal - 4 parents, Mrs Weaver and me. Please do contact us if you are interested.

We have recently completed this terms Governor's Learning Walks. During these walks, a named Governor, alongside a member of school staff, looks at different subjects in school (we have looked at maths, English and 3-8 learning) and then provides a report to the Governing Body so that the Governors can be assured that we are taking the school in the right direction.

Could I ask that those parents who sometimes park on the yellow jagged lines outside of school to please stop doing so. The lines are there to protect pupils around the entrance to school and visibility is greatly reduced when vehicles are on the yellow lines. Also, could I ask that parents do not bring dogs onto the school grounds - even when they are carried? Many thanks for your consideration in both of these matters.

The Coronation Party afternoon was a tremendous success and greatly supported by you all. Everyone looked resplendent in red, white and blue and special thanks must go to Mrs Duggan for all the hard work behind the scenes and to Lisa Markey for baking the cake which was raffled and won by Maja.

There was a great showing of costumes for our rearranged World Book Day on Friday with a lot of effort made - especially in our early years. Some of our older children are creating a children's book which will be shared with our younger children in the coming weeks.

On Thursday 8th June, we will be holding a sponsored event in school in aid of school funds. The money raised will help towards further outdoor equipment and also to equip our forthcoming and much needed sensory and nurture room. We have already secured funding from a charity for the projects but need a little extra to realise our plans. Pupils in foundation learning are doing a sponsored bike ride/scooter/pram push whilst pupils in classes 3 and 4 will be doing a sponsored community litter pick. Sponsor forms will be coming home soon and are also available from the school office.

Paul Oliver

Diary Dates

22nd May- Fluoride Varnish for Nursery-Year 2

8th June- Whole school sponsored event- details to follow

14th-16th June- Year 6 Pilgrimage

29th & 30th June- HHS transition days

20th July - INSET- school closed to pupils



Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.