

12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents,

Learning and other activities continue apace. Last week Y5 were able to visit the Globe Theatre in London to enhance their Shakespeare work, taking part in a workshop and seeing other landmarks from the coach. This week has been SATs for Y6 and they have conducted themselves excellently throughout the testing process. They are now looking forward to their residential visit to the River Dart Centre!

Next week is National Walk to School week. If your child does not already walk, scoot or cycle then do consider if they could take part. As you know, we do request that parents who need to drive their child into the village use the park and walk options at the village hall and the recreation ground, and the children could walk from there.

As previously shared with you, next Friday – weather permitting - is our Jubilee picnic. For safety reasons the children will be in their usual school uniform for the day. The children have been preparing an exhibition of key events and developments of the last seven decades (which will be on display at St Giles over the Jubilee weekend); Choir have learned a special Jubilee song; Y3 have been practising maypole dancing; and the children who are learning to play brass instruments have been practising to play a fanfare and our National Anthem. We would like parents to arrive via the back gate from Lammas Road for 2:00pm (the gate will be opened at 1:50pm) and to gather on the playground. Choir and Y3 will perform and then you are welcome to collect your children from their class lines and move onto the field. You are welcome to bring a picnic rug and some light refreshment for yourselves and your children. During the next hour each class will be called in turn to tour the exhibition. At around 3:00pm we will all sing the National Anthem prior to the children coming into their classrooms to collect their belongings for the end of the day. They will then be dismissed back to you on the playground. We do understand that some parents will be unable to attend and your children will stay with their teacher and they will be provided with a drink and a biscuit so that they also will be part of the picnic. Although we have limited space on site we would be pleased to welcome up to four adults per family if Grandparents or other close family members live nearby and would like to attend. If younger siblings are accompanying you, then please ensure that they stay close by you. Child-minders are welcome to attend as they are also part of our school community. For obvious reasons, all play equipment is out of bounds for the afternoon.

The staff have noticed a recent increase in children not having their PE kit in school for their lessons. Please could you support your child by ensuring they do have the correct kit, including spare socks for KS2, and that they either can remove any ear-rings or have tape with which to cover them. May I also remind you that if your child has long hair then it must be tied back for PE for Health and Safety reasons.

Tomorrow afternoon we are planning to put out on the playground our lost property 'mountain'. Items which are named are returned to the children as long as we can read the name, but we have an increasing number of un-named items. If your child may have mislaid something, please do check and retrieve what you feel may be theirs. Thank you.

The PTA are planning to hold a second-hand uniform sale on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2:45pm should you wish to purchase items. For parents who are unable to attend or would like to purchase new uniform, please complete the uniform order form, which is available on our

website (under PTA tab) and return to the office, along with payment by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please note that this will be the last chance to purchase uniform until the autumn term so please ensure you make full use of this opportunity.

Buckinghamshire Council have launched a survey to collect views on children's services. They are inviting schools and parents to participate. If you would like to respond please do so at <https://forms.office.com/r/mgnqjR7RLx> In addition the Department for Education have launched a consultation regarding the SEND review: Right Support, Right Time, Right Place. They are seeking the views of schools and parents who may or may not have children who require additional support. The consultation can be found at <https://consult.education.gov.uk/send-review-division/send-review-2022/> if you wish to participate.

We are very aware that due to the global pandemic we have been unable to welcome parents into the school since March 2019. We are planning to invite parents of all classes to visit next half term to see your child's classroom and for them to show you their learning environment. Details of these visits are being finalised and invitations will be sent to you after half term. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into the building.

We have our fingers crossed for good weather next Friday, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as are able to share this historic occasion with us.

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