

St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

Love to learn, Love God, Love one another

Friday 27 May 2022

Dear parent/ carer,

As we reach our final half-term break of the academic year, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support and care for school.

Congratulations to our amazing Year 2 who have now completed their SATs! They have worked really hard, and with lots of smiles, to complete these over the past few weeks and we are very proud of them.



In-line with governmental guidance, in the next half-term our wonderful Year 1 stars will complete their Phonics Screening, and our fabulous Year 4 will complete a brand-new statutory test: the Multiplication Tables Check.

Straight after half-term, Year 6 will be heading off on a week-long residential with the Year 6 children from all of TMPF's sister schools: the first time we have been able to take all five schools together and our first overnight residential since 2019. They will have so much fun and come home with lots of happy memories, plenty of dirty clothes, and very sleepy heads!

As you know, during half-term the country has been given an extra-long Bank Holiday weekend to celebrate the **Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II**. This is so special and 70 years as monarch will not happen again in most of our lifetimes. Due to the thoughtfulness of our wonderful Rev. Sue, every family in school has been given a very special book to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. You will be aware from our previous newsletter that HRH Queen Elizabeth II is also the Head of the Church of England and we are delighted to celebrate her 70 years in this important role in faith. The book contains plenty of interesting information which you can share with your child and is a very special keepsake. **Thank you**, **Rev. Sue.**

The children have had lots of fun celebrating and learning about the Jubilee, and have made bunting, written to the Queen, played games, and drawn some lovely pictures. The school (and our clothing and even the playground!) was awash with the red, white and blue! We enjoyed Jubilee-themed competitions and all joined together to sing the national anthem and celebrate our Queen! In our **lovely Parish and community**, there are plenty of ways in which you can celebrate the Jubilee during the week ahead, with further details at the end of this letter.

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To help children understand their changing world, the lives of others, and the diversity of humanity; after half-term, our English lessons will have a special learning focus around refugees. Our younger classes will enjoy age-appropriate texts themed around 'finding a new home'. This learning is very important as we aim to support children in realising the difference they can make, and the social, moral, spiritual and cultural differences across the world. The amount of recent donations you made for those affected by the conflict in Ukraine, confirmed the love for others within the St. Werburgh's family. ...love one another.

Between now and the end of term, we are excited to reintroduce parent information workshops, whereby each class will offer an opportunity to welcome parents/carers into school and chat with you about how reading or phonics is taught and how you can support this at home. Your child's teacher will let you know further details.

The very best of luck to one of our local teams, Port Vale F.C., who are playing at the magnificent Wembley Stadium on Saturday, in the League Two Play-Off final, hoping for a win and promotion to League One next season. Good luck to the Valiants, and we hope that those of you who are fortunate enough to travel to London for the game will have a great time...and come back smiling!

Thank you for your ongoing support of your school and we hope that many of you are able to join us for one of our number of 'in-school' events over the next two months.

Have a lovely week's break, and a brilliant and very special Platinum Jubilee weekend. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on **Monday 6th June** for an exciting final half term of the school year.

Take care and 'God Save the Queen'.

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