

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome you all back after a very wet Easter break. I hope that you all managed to get out and about and enjoy your family time.

The King's Coronation Tree Planting Project at Phear Park

On Tuesday our Gift Team met the mayor and the Town Cryer whilst making history. St Joseph's and a number of other local schools took part in planting trees for The Queen's Green Canopy, creating a living legacy, with over one million trees being planted in her memory across the nation. Our tree is a Sorbus Aria 'Majestica' (White Beam) and it is located in the centre of Phear Park. There will be a plaque with the school name placed under the tree to commemorate this occasion.

**After school clubs**

As you may be aware, we are looking at extending our afterschool and lunchtime club provision. This term, Primary Sports Education offer a KS2 football club and a KS1 dodgeball club and we are delighted to see how many children have signed up for these. During the days that they are in school, they also offer lunchtime clubs for KS1 and KS2 children which the children are absolutely enjoying. Thank you for your continuing support in ensuring that you child/ren come to school in the correct, St Joseph's, PE kit.

After half term, I am pleased to share with you that we are looking at offering a language club as well as a forest school club which will be led by Mrs Bull who the children are familiar with. I will send more details to you nearer the time.

Summer term lunchtime clubs

In addition to the lunchtime clubs/provision that we have in place, we now offer a variety of other lunchtime clubs including a young carers club led by Mrs Shapter, library club which is led by our English lead and class teacher Miss English and a gardening club led by Mrs Rookes and Miss Weston. We would be so grateful for donations of any small bedding plants that could be used to brighten up our patios.

I am also delighted to share with you our recent 'choir club' which is led by our talented musical teachers – Mrs Monks and Miss English – the intake has been incredible with so many of our young musicians showing their talents.

King' Coronation

A reminder that our Coronation Celebration day is fast approaching on Friday 5th May.

As part of this we are staging a royal parade! Please could you support your child to make a crown which they are able to wear to take part in our parade.

Attendance

Well done Rowan Class for 100% attendance this week – amazing!

Painting

Some of you may have noticed that over the Easter break we had painters and decorators in painting the columns and walls in our school. We are so pleased with the work that has been carried out.

I wish you all a restful weekend and hope that you get a chance to truly enjoy the sunshine.

Mrs Stephens

Diary dates:

1st May – May Bank Holiday

5th May – Coronation Celebration Day

8th May – Coronation Bank Holiday

w/b 9th May – Year 6 SATS

w/b 15th May – Year 2 SATS

29th May – 2nd June – May Half Term Holiday

6th June – Year 1 Trip to Powderham Castle (further details to follow)

19th - 21st June – Year 5/6 Residential

30th June – Year 4 Trip to Lyme Regis (further details to follow)

Headteacher Awards: Rowan class Jaime, Aaron & Brooklyn; Sycamore class Isabelle & Arthur; Cherry Class – Olivia.

Gold Awards: Maple Class – Shiloh.

Silver Awards: Oaks Class – Bea; Sycamore Class – Isabelle; Maple Class – Sukie, Oliver; Beech Class – Rosie.

Bronze Awards: Maple Class – Quinn, Amelia, Lusi, Beech Class – Archie, Effie, Harrison, Ella, Evie, Queenie, Jacob, Gemma, Teddy.

Stars of the week: Oak class- Bea; Rowan class -Arnie; Sycamore class – William; Cherry - Freddie; Maple – Quinn; Beech - Ella