



13 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pupils in Year 6 were able to celebrate the end of Key Stage 2 SATS week today! Well done to them all for their very positive attitude and hard work. Many thanks to all the members of staff who supported them from Monday to Thursday.

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee event**

On Monday 16 March, Mrs Moira Darlington, one of Oxfordshire's Deputy Lord Lieutenants, is visiting the school to present an assembly about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The role of the Lord-Lieutenant is to represent the Queen in the county and her deputies help her in this duty. Following the assembly, we will gather around a newly planted flowering cherry tree, which has been generously donated by the PTA as a contribution towards the Queen's Green Canopy Project. Savva, Luka, Vladimir, their father and their cousin, Sofia, kindly planted the tree last weekend. Their mother organised the working party!



### **Chicks**

Thank you to Bella and Ivy, and Mrs Bean's neighbour, for rehousing the chicks which hatched in Beech Class earlier in the term.





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### **Sunshine and showers**

The weather forecast for next week is a mixture of warm sunshine and showers! Please ensure that your child is wearing a high-factor sunscreen, has a sun hat, a water bottle and a raincoat in school every day. The children need shorts for PE this term otherwise they overheat, particularly during athletics. We hope our athletics coach will be able to join us next Thursday. He had to cancel at short notice due to a serious personal matter.

### **Families leaving the area and the school**

It would be very helpful to know if any families are planning to leave the area (and therefore the school) during the summer as we plan for the new school year in September. Please contact the school office as soon as possible.

### **Horspath Jubilee Flower Festival - request for clean and colourful recyclable plastic bags and items**

A flower festival is being organised on behalf of St Giles' Church for the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend, 2 - 5 June. The church will be decorated and village households are able to take part by decorating their front doors, gates, fences, porches or windows with real, faux or paper flowers. There is the option to formally enter floral creations to be in with a chance to win the 'Jubilee flower crown' and to appear on a trail map.

The brief is simply Jubilee, flowers and visibility from the road so passers-by can enjoy the flower displays! Pupils will be creating a floral garland to be woven through our new railings. We will be making the flowers out of recyclable plastic bags and other plastics which can be recycled, so that they last the week and the weather! If you have any clean and colourful plastic bags or other recyclable items, please donate them to school, ideally by Friday 20 May. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed some.

### **RLT 2022 Parents' and Carers' Survey - reminder**

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey. As a parent or carer of a child in a school which is part of the River Learning Trust, Paul James, the Trust's Chief Executive, would be very grateful if you could [complete this survey](#) by 9am Monday 23 May. It should take approximately 2-3 minutes. Paul's letter with further information is attached.

### **Celebration Assembly – Friday 20 May**

Thank you for your patience last Friday as we trialled live streaming the Celebration Assembly from the hall. On 20 May we will revert to live streaming from classrooms to allow us more time to solve our technical difficulties! We are hopeful that we can return to the hall in Term 6 and invite parents to join in person.





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### Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 17 May 2.15pm, coffee, cake and chat at St Giles' Church
- Friday 20 May 2.30pm, Celebration Assembly (live stream only)
- Tuesday 24 May 9.00am, coffee, cake and chat at St Giles' Church
- Friday 27 May 9.00-9.15am, 3.00-3.15pm, Open Classrooms
- Monday 30 May - Monday 6 June Half-term holiday
- Monday 6 June Deferred Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
- Week commencing 11 July Year 5 and 6 production (timings to be confirmed)
- Tuesday 12 July 9.15am, School Concert
- Friday 15 July 9.15-11.00am, Sports Day
- *Monday 18 July 9.15-11.00am, if 15 July Sports Day cancelled due to rain*
- Tuesday 19 July 9.30am, Year 6 Leavers' Service
- Wednesday 20 July 1.30pm, End of term

### Scarlet fever and chickenpox

There has been an increase in the number of scarlet fever and chickenpox outbreaks linked to nurseries and primary schools reported to UKHSA Health Protection Teams since the beginning of March 2022, including some where both infections are co-circulating. Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea, and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves, peeling of the skin can occur.

Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should not attend nursery, school or work for 24 hours after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling the spread of infection. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, patients can develop complications. Complications are more common if the child has had flu or chickenpox recently. If you have any concerns, please contact your GP for advice.

Have a lovely, healthy weekend!

Best wishes,

*Helen*

