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Our Christian Value this Half Term is **Friendship**

Calendar of Events

19th May Nest visit to Church Farm	26th June Summer Fete
26th May Queen's Jubilee Workshop	30th June Chestnut visit to Sandringham
27th May Queen's Jubilee Garden Party	1st July Year 6 Disco
27th May Last school day before Half Term	5th July Sports Day
6th June Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday	7th July Sports Day (reserve date)
7th June Children back to school	15th July Weeting Steam Rally
7th June Year 6 visit to Walsingham	22nd July Last school day before Summer Holiday
24th June Beech visit to Pensthorpe Park	

There will be more information to follow about some of the above events. And some more trips to be arranged.

Year 6 SATs

We are very proud of our Year 6 children this week for the way they have enthusiastically tackled their SATs tests every day. They have all done their absolute best, and that is all we can ask of them. With this hurdle out of the way, the next nine weeks (yes, only nine school weeks left at this point) will focus much more on getting them ready for their secondary school lives, which I'm sure they will tackle very successfully.

They have been coming school early all this week for breakfast, and haven't even complained about my cooking, which is very thoughtful of them (does making toast count as cooking?)

I have to mention as well how brilliantly the Year 5 children have done, as we sprang a practice SATs test on them this week, to see how far they have to go before this time next year.

Next up, the focus turns to Key Stage 1 SATs – more details below.

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Key Stage 1 SATs

Next week, Year 2 will be taking their Key Stage 1 SATs. The children already know they will be doing some tests to find out how much we have taught them and whether there is anything they need to go over again.

They will sit six papers during the week: Arithmetic, Maths Reasoning, Reading and Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar (SPAG). There are no set timings, so the children can complete them at their own pace and take a break if needed. They will be completing the tests in small groups with Mrs Hoggins and another adult present.

I'm sure that they will all try their best, as they always do, and make us proud.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday 26th May each class will be participating in Jubilee dance workshops. The children will learn a dance from each decade of the Queen's reign.

On Thursday 27th May we would like to invite all our families to our Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea event. This will take place at 2pm on the School Field. The children will start the event off with performances of a specially written Jubilee song and then each class will perform their Jubilee dance. We would like all our guests, and children, to dress up in red, white and blue (and maybe even a hat if you have one!) and bring a picnic blanket and selection of sandwiches and cakes to enjoy. If you want to bring a china cup, saucer and plate along to finish your afternoon tea off that would be lovely! The afternoon will end with a Platinum Jubilee themed scavenger hunt.

What's Happening at Weeting?

The children have been very busy this week – here's what's happening in your child's class:

Chestnut

Chestnut Class have been continuing their learning around "Kings and Queens". They have learnt that the crown was passed down to Queen Elizabeth II when her dad died. The children thought that Queen Elizabeth would be a bit happy and a bit sad about becoming Queen. They went onto learn that Prince Charles is the Queen's eldest son and that he is 'next in line to the throne' and will become King next.

The children learnt that a throne is a special chair that the King or Queen sits on during special occasions. We looked at the throne that Queen Elizabeth sits on and recreated it to make mini thrones and our very own life size thrones. Mrs Powell was pronounced Queen Powell and was invited to sit on the throne! Chestnut Class decided that Miss Hardie was crowned Princess Hardie and will ascend to the throne after Mrs Powell!



Beech

This week, Beech Class have been learning about the climate in Northern Europe and how the Sami people of Northern Finland, Norway and Sweden survive the extreme cold so close to the Arctic Circle. While the class loved the snow, saunas and fur boots, they were not too keen on the idea of reindeer stew!

In English, we have become travel agents trying to persuade people to visit the jungle by making it sound as exciting as possible. Come and see the sparkliest blue waters and enormous, green trees!

Elm

Elm class have had an amazing week for their times tables. Both Year 3 and Year 4 have tried their best to beat their personal best high scores and have done so collectively, going from 21 to 24 out of a possible 25. This is an amazing achievement given Elm class have only 6 seconds to answer the questions!

Elm class have also continued to have a brilliant week within Maths as they have been adding large amounts of pence and pounds as well as exploring how to create the same amount with many different coins and notes. Well done Elm keep up all the hard work!



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Oak

This week in History we have carried on our work on the Cold War, looking at the space race. As well as looking at specific achievements such as the launch of Sputnik 1, Yuri Gagarin becoming the first person in Space and Neil Armstrong's 'giant leap for Mankind', we have also looked at the contributions of less well-known individuals such as Katherine Johnson who led a team of coloured female mathematicians who developed a working formula to calculate trajectories and angles of re-entry.



The Nest

This week in The Nest we have been looking at mixing colours to create different shades or even different colours! We have learnt how to make a colour lighter and also how to make green, purple and orange.



Social Media – Age Restrictions

A number of you have asked me recently at what age children should be allowed to use various social media sites. The image below should give you a good guide to the most popular apps. There are lots here that I have absolutely never heard of! I must be getting old.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Under 13	13+	16+	17+
Roblox	Twitter	WhatsApp	Line
PopJam	Facebook and Messenger	Telegram Messenger	Sarahah
FaceTime	Viber	Tumblr	Tellonym
	WeChat		
	Monkey		
	Yubo		
	Dubsmash		
	Instagram		
	TikTok		
	Skype		
	Google Hangouts		
	Reddit		
	Snapchat		
	Pinterest		

Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019

Awards of the Week

Well done to all the children for their hard work this week. The following children were particularly celebrated for their effort and achievement in class.

Ella and Leo in Chestnut, Albert and Hannah in Beech; Layla and Liam in Elm, Hollie and Jeremy in Oak, Charlie in The Nest.

Attendance

School attendance has been on the up since we came back from the Easter holidays. Thank you so much for supporting the school with this. It is so important that we work together on this issue and continue the upward trend. Below is the attendance for each class for the past week – the Government target for attendance across the country is **95%**.

Chestnut – **96.6%**; Beech – **98.5%**; Elm – **96.9%**; Oak – **96.4%**; The Nest – **78%**.

Whole school attendance was: **96%**.

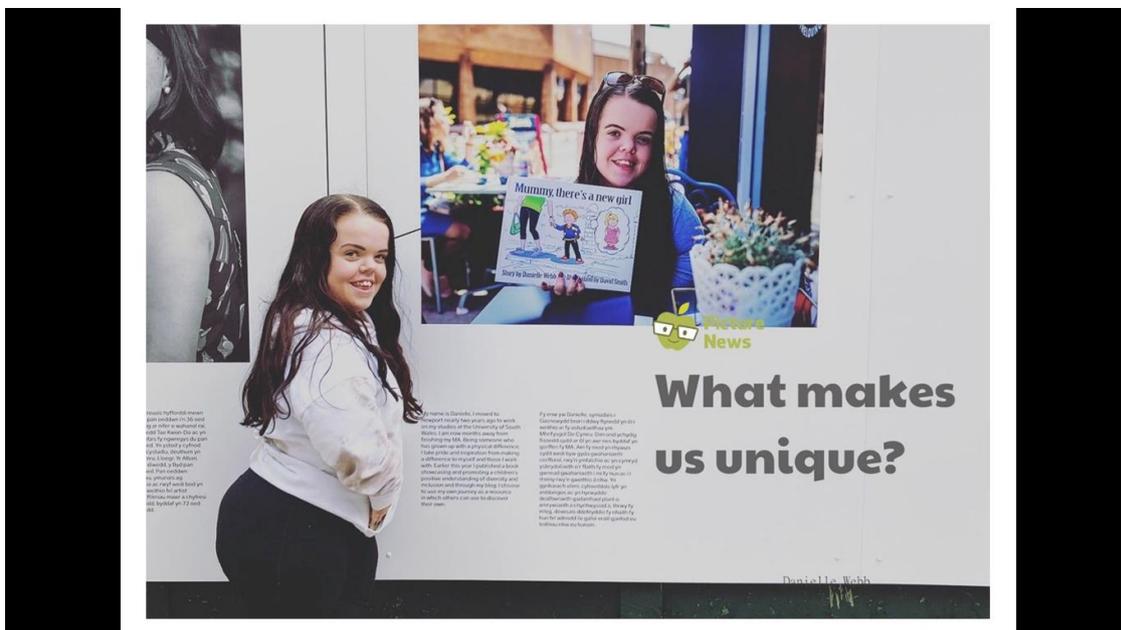
Well done to Beech Class for having the best attendance in school during this time.

Whole school attendance this term is currently: **93.8%**.

Whole school attendance this school year (since September) is currently: **90.1%**.

Assembly Focus of the Week

In this week's Picture News assembly, we focussed on the following question...



Mr Steeden's Joke of the Week

Well done and thank you for all those that contributed to the Bake Sale last Friday. I've never seen so many cakes in a school!

I asked Mrs Hoggins, "Why are all those cakes over there 50p, whilst this one here costs £1.00?"

She replied, "That's Madeira cake."



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And Finally...

It's been a long week – I'm not a fan of exam invigilation! I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Thank you for all the support you provide for the children and our school!