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

### Calendar of Events

**26<sup>th</sup> May** Queen's Jubilee Workshop  
**27<sup>th</sup> May** Queen's Jubilee Garden Party  
**27<sup>th</sup> May** Last school day before Half Term  
**6<sup>th</sup> June** Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday  
**7<sup>th</sup> June** Children back to school  
**7<sup>th</sup> June** Year 6 visit to Walsingham  
**24<sup>th</sup> June** Beech visit to Pensthorpe Park

**26<sup>th</sup> June** Summer Fete  
**30<sup>th</sup> June** Chestnut visit to Sandringham  
**1<sup>st</sup> July** Year 6 Disco  
**5<sup>th</sup> July** Sports Day  
**7<sup>th</sup> July** Sports Day (reserve date)  
**15<sup>th</sup> July** Weeting Steam Rally  
**22<sup>nd</sup> July** Last school day before Summer Holiday

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

Awaiting confirmation of dates:

- Oak visit to the National Space Museum;
- Elm Anglo Saxon visit.

Awaiting confirmation of both dates and transport:

- Whole school visit to the Natural History Museum (London).

### Year 2 SATs

A big well done to the Year 2 children this week as they have finished their SATs tests. Though these tests don't happen in quite the same pressurised environment as the Year 6 tests, they are still difficult for children aged 6 or 7 to get their heads around. We are very proud of the way they conducted themselves this week. And well done to Mrs Hoggins and her team for preparing them so well.

Mr J Steeden

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### School Shoes

I have noticed more and more children coming into school on non-PE days wearing training shoes. I know that children grow quickly (my 14-year-old son appears to have size 10 feet, only one size smaller than me!),



but can we please ensure that the children are back wearing school shoes after Half Term. When my children were in primary school, I used to buy these sort of things...



...which have the benefit of being both cheap and suitable for PE and non-PE days. They are not very fashionable of course, but they're not supposed to be. It's when they start having different coloured soles and logos on the sides that they become obviously trainers and not suitable for non-PE days. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## Sunny Weather

Now the weather is warming up (sort of), please can we make sure that children come into school with sun cream applied – they won't be going swimming, I imagine the protection will last all day. A sun hat and a big bottle of water would be good ideas as well. This is particularly important on PE days. This website is always worth a visit <https://www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk/sun-safety-advice-for-parents>

## 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 architects this week. They have looked at castles and palaces owned by The Queen and learnt the names of different features such as “arches”, “turrets”, “columns” and “pillars”. The children have used their knowledge to design, and label, drawings of a new palace for The Queen. Their designs even included rooms for The Queen's corgis, water fountains and rooms for her guards!



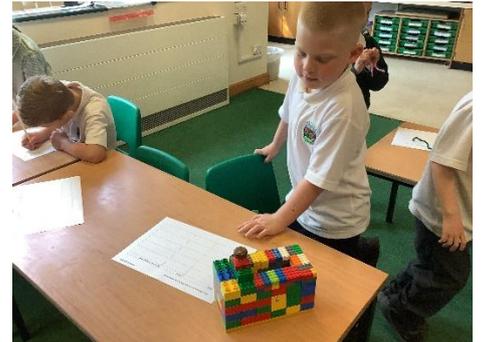
### Beech

This week, Beech Class have been incredibly busy. Year 2 have been completing their SATs as well as working hard during lessons.

In Art, we have been looking at paintings based on myths, particularly our favourite story, 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. The children have been changing the features of the Minotaur in their drawings to show off different characteristics just like Picasso.

In Science, we found out about matter and how atoms affect how solids and liquids behave. We discovered that we can change the shape of some solids by bending, stretching, twisting and squashing.

In RE, we have been reading different stories from the Bible to find out why early Christians decided to follow Jesus. We explored what made everyone trust Him.



### Elm

Elm class have turned their literacy skills to the dark side this week and have relished writing a recount from the perspective of Grendel the antagonist in the Beowulf story. Elm have used past tense well and have used amazing, fronted adverbials and descriptive language to really capture their audience, while making their recount a more fluid read by organising their writing into paragraphs. To finish off their fantastic writing they will be writing up in neat and creating a display for everyone in school to celebrate their hard effort. Well done Elm, Another great week!



### Oak

This week in Geography we have continued our work on Africa, looking at what can be done to ensure that all sections of society are 'food secure'. In previous weeks we learnt how the boundaries of the Sahara Desert are ever changing through the process of desertification, and how the continent-wide initiative known as 'The Great Green Wall' is trying to address this by planting millions of drought-resistant Acacia trees along the southern border of the Sahara.



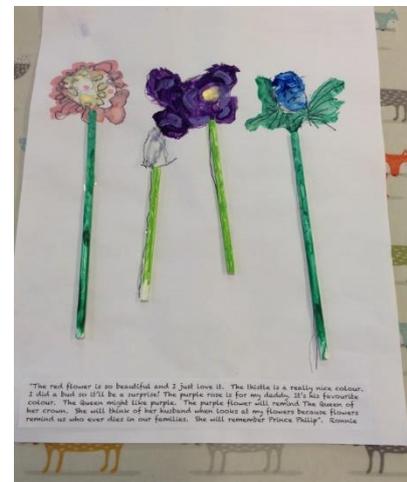
### The Nest

This week The Nest went on an educational visit to Church Farm. The children got the chance to stroke lots of different animals including goats and rabbits, we even got to hold some baby rabbits! The children were really kind and gentle to all the animals. We then had a fantastic time playing on the outdoor equipment and ended the day with a tractor ride and feeding the pigs!



### Design a Bouquet for the Queen

Children from Chestnut and Beech classes have entered a Jubilee competition run by the Norfolk Gardens' Trust to design a bouquet for The Queen. The children all painted some beautiful flowers using colours from the Union Jack and the Platinum Jubilee logo and shared their reasons for their choices of flowers. We are really proud of all children and look forward to hearing the competition results when they are judged by Lady Dannatt next Wednesday.



### 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.

Beau and Bobby in Chestnut, Jack and Toby in Beech; Daniel and Lexi in Elm, Stanley and Taylor in Oak, Logan 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 – **95.7%**; Beech – **99%**; Elm – **96.9%**; Oak – **86.8%**; The Nest – **66%**.

Whole school attendance was: **92.4%**.

This is a drop of almost 4% from last week.

Well done to Beech Class for having the best attendance in school during this time. 99% is outstanding!

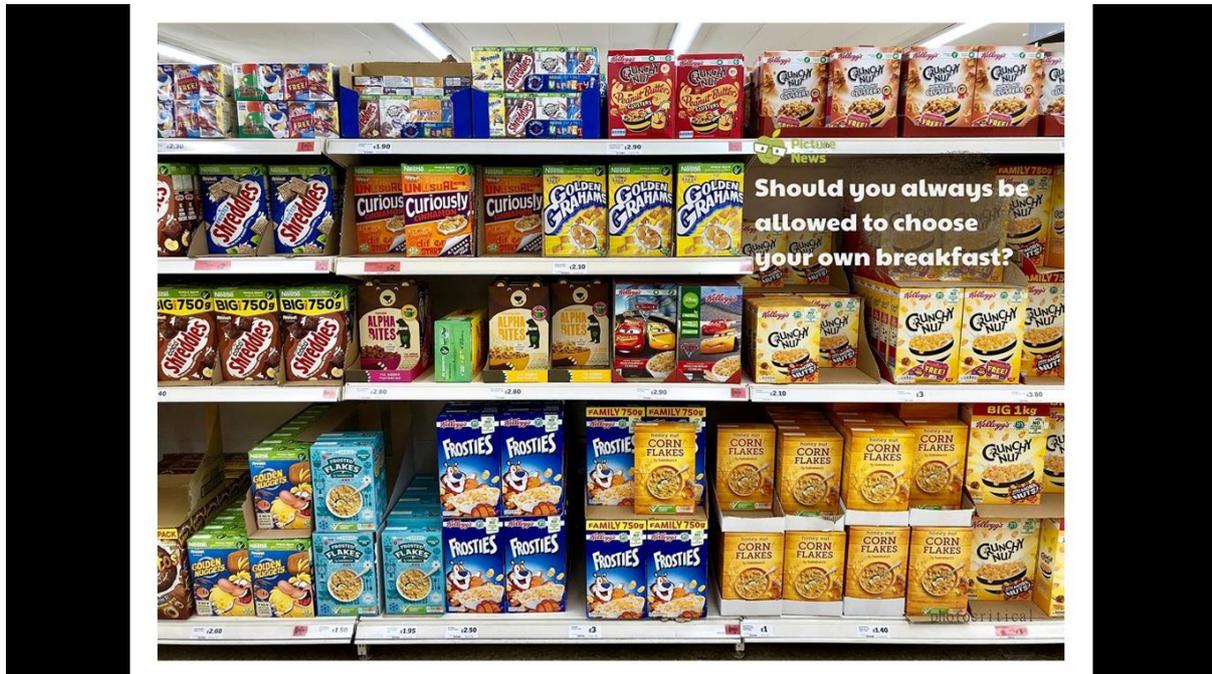
Beech class are also winning the race for best attendance for the Half Term – 97.5% with Elm coming second at 95.7%. Can they catch them by the end of next week!?

Whole school attendance this term is currently: **93.6%**.

Whole school attendance this school year (since September) is currently: **90.2%**.

## Assembly Focus of the Week

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





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**Mr Steeden's Joke of the Week**

My neighbours are having a contest to see who can hang out their washing on the line the fastest. At the moment, it's level pegging.

**And Finally...**

Have a lovely weekend everyone. It's the last weekend of the football season. How am I going to cope until August??!!

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