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

Calendar of Events

6th June Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday
7th June Children back to school
7th June Year 6 visit to Walsingham
24th June Beech visit to Pensthorpe Park
26th June Summer Fete
30th June Chestnut visit to Sandringham
1st July Year 6 Disco

5th July Sports Day
7th July Sports Day (reserve date)
12-15th July Icenis Y6 children at new school
12-14th July R-Y5 Children with new teachers
15th July Weeting Steam Rally
20th July Meet the Teacher evening
22nd 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).

Half Term

We have reached Half Term – well done to you all. We have been really busy since Easter with lots going on in school. I'd like to particularly thank Year 2 and Year 6 children, parents and staff for getting through their tests with so little fuss.

Another real positive of this Half Term is the uptick in attendance. We very much appreciate all the efforts you have made.

Apologies that I have not been around as much as normal this week. I spent a day at Duchy on Tuesday working on improving the school website – lots of old bits and pieces have now been deleted (I hope I didn't go too over the top with the 'Delete' button!) I want the website to be something much more useful to you all than it has been up to now – watch this space for more details.

I was also involved in some interviews with the Trust in Ely this week – nothing directly impacting Weeting, but nevertheless important for the Trust as a whole.

Enjoy your week off – it's well deserved.

Mr J Steeden

2022-23 Term Dates

It's never too soon to think about next term, so please find below our term dates for the next school year. I have added this to the calendar on the Weeting website.

- INSET Day 1 – Thursday 1st September
- INSET Day 2 – Friday 2nd September
- Term 1 – Monday 5th September – Thursday 20th October
- INSET Day 3 – Friday 21st October



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- Half Term – Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October
- Half Term 2 – Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December
- Christmas Holiday – Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January
- INSET Day 4 – Tuesday 3rd January
- Half Term 3 – Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February
- Half Term – Monday 13th February – Friday 16th February
- Half Term 4 – Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March
- Easter Holiday – Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April
- INSET Day 5 – Monday 17th April
- Half Term 5 – Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May
- Half Term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
- Half Term 6 – Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

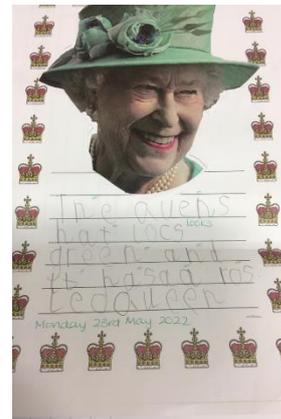
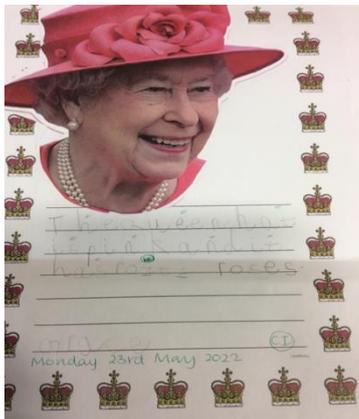
What's Happening at Weeting?

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

Chestnut

The children in Chestnut Class this week have been using their core book "The Queen's Hat" as a starting point for exploring all the different types of hats that the Queen wears. She has lots of different coloured hats, but the children thought that pink ones with flowers must be her favourite as she has a lot of these. The children have been developing their independent writing this week and we have been amazed about how confidently they wrote descriptions of what the Queen's hat looked like.

The Queen then wrote to the Class because she had lost her hat. The children were very concerned that she wouldn't have it for her Jubilee celebrations so immediately decided to get their coats on, get into pairs and go on a hat adventure. Miss Hardie and Mrs Powell nearly got left behind! They politely and confidently asked all the classes and adults in school if they had seen the hat, giving some very detailed descriptions, before finding Mrs Hague sitting at her desk wearing it!



Beech

This week in Beech Class, we built on our knowledge of atoms in solids and liquids and explored the differences between ice cubes and water. We also found out that ice cubes melt faster when they are in warm water, but still melt in warm air. After the lesson, we were curious about how liquids can become a gas, so we researched what happens when you heat up water on a stove.

In Maths, we are looking at position and direction. We can not only talk about which way is left and right, we can also describe the positions of other objects in relation to ourselves. We used this knowledge to give each other directions to escape a maze.



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In English, we have been looking at adverbs and how they can describe verbs. We used them in our recounts of our Science experiment and the special visit from the Mayor to give our readers more information about how things were done.



Elm

Elm this week have been fantastic historians and have continued their quest to understand the Stuarts. Elm have discussed and compared evidence and facts to create their final conclusion on whether or no Oliver Cromwell was a hero or tyrant, and their conclusion was... Tyrant! Elms favourite reason for this decision is not because he defeated Charles I, but because he banned Christmas, theatres, games, sports and even pubs! Who needs fun anyways, hey? Well done Elm great research this week! Enjoy your well-deserved half term!

Oak

In Oak class we have continued our Literacy work based on the book Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson, which is set in the Amazon at the turn of the 20th Century. This week the children have been planning and writing persuasive texts to encourage people to visit the Amazon.

In History we have completed our topic on the Cold War by looking at the Proxy Wars where either the USA or the Soviet Union were directly involved or supported and equipped opposing sides, but never actually fought directly with each other.



The Nest

This week, The Nest have been working hard on their end of term assessments and showing how much they have learnt. We have also enjoyed taking part in PE lessons with Beech class and making solar system mobiles.

Design a bouquet for the Queen

We are all very proud of one of our youngest children, Ronnie, who on Thursday was invited to Norfolk County Council's headquarters as one of the 7 finalists in the Norfolk Gardens' Trust "Design a bouquet for the Queen" competition. Ronnie won the prize for the best written description across all age groups! Lady Dannatt, Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, and head judge, commented that all the judges were amazed that someone so young could make such thoughtful and well-presented comments. Ronnie's description was "The red flower is so beautiful and I just love it. The thistle is a really nice colour. I did a bud so it'll be a surprise! The purple rose is for my daddy. It's his favourite colour. The Queen might like purple. The purple flower will remind The Queen of her crown. She will think of her husband when she looks at my flowers because flowers remind us who ever dies in our families. She will remember Prince Philip".



Jubilee Torch Relay

One of our year 4 pupils, Pip was lucky enough to take part and watch the rickshaw carrying The Queens Platinum Jubilee Suffolk Torch that left Brandon on the start of its journey and is visiting 250 villages and towns around Suffolk - a distance of 550 miles, finishing at the Suffolk Show.

You can follow the torch relay at www.festivalofsuffolk.org



Mayor's Visit

The school was visited by the Mayor of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk on Wednesday. They sang their Jubilee song to her before being presented with their Platinum Jubilee souvenir coins.



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 Lillah in Chestnut, Charlie and Kai in Beech; Harvey and Nellie in Elm, Filip and Hollie in Oak, Alfie 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 – **89%**; Beech – **96%**; Elm – **88.6%**; Oak – **88.1%**; The Nest – **72%**.

Whole school attendance was: **89.2%**.

This has taken a significant dip over the past two weeks, though we are up overall this half term.

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

Beech class have the best attendance in school since Easter and, as such, will get a reward from their class teacher at the beginning of next term (I believe there are negotiations going on about what that reward might be).

Whole school attendance this term is currently: **92.8%**.

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

I went to the local café and ordered a packet of helicopter flavoured crisps. Sadly, they only had plane.

And Finally...

Once again, have a safe, peaceful and enjoyable Half Term. Don't forget that Monday 6th June is the Jubilee Bank Holiday for us. Don't bring your children to school – there won't be any staff here!

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