



## Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

To all our families and friends,

This week, our Year 6 children have been completing their end of KS2 SAT's tests. The staff have been so impressed with the maturity and sensible attitudes toward these tests from every single child. They approached them all positively, with enthusiasm and a calm manner and all gave 100% of their focus and effort. We couldn't have been more proud of everyone.

A huge thank you to the staff team effort this week also - to those staff that came in extra early to set up and provide breakfast for every child each day and to all of the staff, who wouldn't normally work in year 6 who helped to support the children in alternative rooms and to the Year 6 team for supporting the children emotionally and preparing them academically for this week. Now that this week is over, we can look forward to other exciting projects and events and preparing them for their extremely important transition to secondary school.

Today, they have enjoyed a much more relaxing day and had a few treats too. They started the day with a special breakfast of bacon/sausage sandwiches which Denise in the kitchen very kindly offered to make them all. They've also enjoyed interhouse netball and football matches, watched a film, had ice lollies mid-morning and took their school lunches onto the field at lunchtime.

### Walk to School Week (16<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> May)

Why is walking to school so important?

#### **HAPPIER CHILDREN**

It's been proven that children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. Through this challenge, children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates!

#### **LESS CONGESTION**

During morning peak traffic times, one in five cars on the road are taking children school, contributing to congestion, air pollution and carbon emissions.

#### **CLEANER AIR**

The school run alone is responsible for generating half a million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year (which is more than some small countries!). Imagine what we could achieve if we began converting some of these rides to strides?

#### **Park and Stride**

Park and Stride is a simple idea for families who live far away to still enjoy the benefits of walking to school. Please park a ten minute walk from school and complete the last part of the journey on foot. It reduces traffic, congestion and road danger around the school gates whilst allowing children the chance to get active for the last part of their journey.



### This Weeks attendance %

Donaldson class (R)	86.2%
Kerr Class(1)	99.1%
Murphy class (2)	97.2%
Lewis Class (3)	99.1%
Dahl Class (4)	96.5%
MacKenzie Class (5)	94.3%
Blackman Class (6)	99.5%
Horowitz Class (6)	97.4%

Whole School Attendance this week: 95.8%  
Whole School Attendance this term: 94.5%

### Parent Forum Meeting

Next Monday (16<sup>th</sup> May), I will meeting with the class reps for a Parent Forum meeting. We meet regularly to discuss school policies and practice and work together to drive forward change and improvements whilst giving the whole school community an open forum to share their thoughts and ideas. If there is something that you would like us to discuss either at this meeting or a future meeting, then please email your class rep with your suggestions. All of the class reps have a school email address which can be found on the school website.



### Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Felicity E - 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Brendan S - 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Charlie R - 12<sup>th</sup> May

### House Points

This weeks house points

Red House - 482

Yellow House - 406

Green House - 343

Blue House - 503

House point totals to date

1<sup>st</sup> Place - blue house - 1,298

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - red house - 1,284

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - yellow house - 1,226

4<sup>th</sup> Place - green house - 1,066

### P.E kit reminder

We have noticed that some children are coming into school in tracksuit bottoms in a range of colours on their allocated P.E day. Please could you ensure that your child wears the correct kit. The PE Uniform has been chosen to be in line with the colour scheme that children wear on non-PE days so that they look smart and in uniform at all times. The PE Kit is:

Plain black joggers or plain black shorts  
Green T Shirt  
Green fleece  
Plimsols or trainers

## Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	<b>Violet H-N</b> has been a star this week. She has been a fantastic role model by helping with the tidying up and looking after Preschool toys.	<b>Phoenix P</b> has been showing us her confidence this week. She has been chatting lots to us and her peers and being engaged during group time.
Nur	<b>Henry A</b> - for always showing a love of learning, Henry worked really hard at our 'spot the difference' activity this week and was able to find differences that no one else had spotted! Great work Henry!	<b>Olivia MM</b> - for showing a love of learning with our 'spot the difference' activity this week and being very keen to share her findings with others. Well done Olivia!
Rec	<b>Charlie C</b> - for showing a love of learning this week. He has impressed us with his desire to write this week and has started to write the story of Jack and the Beanstalk independently.	<b>Shiva M</b> - for showing a love of learning this week (and for being super polite, especially at lunchtime). Shiva has been listening to advise and her writing is always improving.
Year 1	<b>Millie B</b> - for working to the best of her ability and producing some excellent work.	<b>Rafe B</b> - for showing a love of learning in all areas of the curriculum and always having a positive attitude.
Year 2	<b>Bobby B</b> - for being an outstanding role model and always following the school rules.	<b>Poppy C</b> - for her love for learning and positive attitude.
Year 3	<b>Billy C</b> - working to the best of his ability. <b>Carmelita</b> - showing her love for learning and making the right choices.	<b>Finley S</b> - outstanding role model in and out of lessons.
Year 4	<b>Bertie S</b> - For having good manners. Bertie speaks to people politely and always says please and thank you. Well done Bertie. <b>Annabelle</b> - For paying attention to all adults and being an outstanding role model. Well done Annabelle.	<b>Cornelius D</b> - For being an enthusiastic learner. Cornelius shows a love of learning and works to the best of his ability. Well done Cornelius.
Year 5	<b>Jack T</b> - for having a love of learning epitomised by his involvement in our outdoor maths lesson. <b>Anabella S</b> - for always being well-mannered and treating everyone with respect.	<b>Riley M</b> - for working to the best of his ability in English.
Year 6B	<b>Eva R</b> - for being selected to sing a solo at the music festival and her beautiful artwork this week- high aspirations	<b>Jessica J</b> - for reaching her potential in writing, she has some lovely figurative language and effective phrases within her work.
Year 6H	<b>Harry O'B</b> - outstanding role model- for confidently exploring the fauvism school of art. Powerful use of strong lines and striking colours.	<b>Aimee A</b> - love of learning - for a superb piece of writing as she imagined she was Shere Khan writing his dairy. Excellent imagery and vocabulary.

## Headteacher's Awards

**Reception** Mila Mc - Mila has been much more independent in her learning this week - she has been writing by herself and not letting herself get distracted by others.

Hadley N - Hadley impressed us during Busy Fingers because he re-read the sentence he'd just written. He noticed that it didn't make sense and changed it! So, he was being reflective!

**Year 1** Connor - for having high aspirations in maths lessons.

**Year 2** Gracie - for showing empathy and kindness.

Imogen - for having pride in her presentation.

**Year 3** Isabelle- having pride in her work and being respectful.

Ronny- Being creative in after school clubs and having high aspirations

**Year 4** Darcy - for showing respect to everyone and taking pride in everything she does.

Esmee - for showing great resilience in her learning.

**Year 5** Lacey B- for showing resilience in English. She used the 5Bs.

Henry - for showing kindness and empathy towards another child.

**Year 6** - To every child in Year 6 who has demonstrated great resilience, had high aspirations, worked independently, and had pride in their achievements during SAT's week.

## Book Bags

A reminder that all children should be bringing their belongings to school on a daily basis in a school book bag and not a ruck sack.

As we have previously explained, the class cloakrooms/pegs are just not designed or big enough for ruck sacks and end up falling on the floor and causing a trip hazard. Book bags fit neatly into children's drawers or a class box, leaving the children's pegs for their coats only. Not only does this keep the cloakrooms neater but also removes trip hazards. We would encourage children to carry water bottles separately and these are left in the classroom with the children. We have spoken to the children today in the whole school assembly to remind them of these expectations. The only exception to this will be for the children in Year 6 as they are leaving at the end of this term and we wouldn't expect parents to buy a book bag at this point in time.



## Unsettled weather

The weather has been a little unsettled this week. Some days the sun has been shining and it's started to feel a little warmer and other days, it's been cold and rainy and back to jumpers and coats again!

During these next few weeks, can you please ensure that children have a jumper/coat in school so that if the weather turns colder during the day, then they are still able to go outside to play and get some fresh air.



### Online Safety - Parental Controls.

Parental controls help you to block or filter upsetting or inappropriate content, and control purchases within apps. You can install parental control software on your child's and family's phones or tablets, games consoles, laptops and your home internet. Parental controls can help you to:

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for.
- create content filters to block apps that may have inappropriate content
- manage the content different family members can see.

Visit the NSPCC Website for help with setting up controls. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

### Jubilee themed week

During the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> May, all of the school will be taking part in a Jubilee themed week. Throughout the week, we have planned different activities linked to the curriculum and covering many different curriculum subjects. It's going to be a very busy and exciting week in school!!

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - a whole school DT project where children will design and make the Queen a new crown. We hope to have a parade towards the end of the week so that all classes have the opportunity to see each others.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** - a whole school project on the Commonwealth countries of which the Queen is the head of. All classes will be focusing on a different country for the day and all lessons delivered will be linked to that country.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** - A whole school art project. Children will look at images of the Queen throughout her reign and create their own portrait of her depicting one of these eras. Once completed, we plan to display this in the school for everyone to see.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** - Jubilee picnic at lunchtime.

Throughout the week, children will also be learning the 1<sup>st</sup> verse of the National Anthem and we plan to come together towards the end of the week to sing this together. In writing lessons, we have also purchased fiction books about the Queen and all classes will have a writing themed week using these books as their stimulus.

### Friends of Watton update

Friends of Watton are planning our summer events and we have some dates for your diaries - the Father's Day stall will be back on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June for the children to buy their own special gift for their Dad or the Father-figure in their lives. We will be looking for volunteers to help on the stall that morning so please let us know if you're available- [Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com](mailto:Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com)

Due to COVID we haven't held a playout for a couple of years but we're very excited to announce a playout on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June - look out for more information on tickets on Classlist.

Doughnut Day is back on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be for sale in advance of the 1<sup>st</sup> via Classlist - keep an eye out for notifications from Classlist when tickets go live.

### Parking at drop off and collection times

May we respectfully request that parents park considerately in the Children's Centre car park to avoid congestion along Rectory Lane and reduce the risk of potential accidents.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Children's Centre Car Park

Staff at the Children's Centre have approached the school this week to complain about an increased number of times where they have noticed children playing football in the car park at the end of the school day. Not only do we ask all children not to play football in the car park for safety reasons but also to avoid any damage happening to the vehicles which are parked over there too. Please talk to your child if you think that they could be playing football there and ask them to please refrain from doing so. Thank you.

### Beane Valley Children's Centre Update

East Herts Family Centre are supporting children and young people in Hertfordshire feel good and have fun to boost their emotional and mental wellbeing by celebrating Feeling Good Week!

Feeling Good Week is a Hertfordshire-wide event that promotes children and young people's emotional wellbeing by raising awareness of mental health and showing where support can be accessed within the community.

Join us for this **fun free family event on Tuesday 31 May suitable for children aged 0-8 years at Barleyfields Family Centre located in Woolmer Green village hall.** We will have inflatables, soft play, games, activities and crafts for the whole family to enjoy. We will also be sharing information on the support available for families to encourage positive family wellbeing and healthy lifestyles.

You will need to book a ticket to attend - a family ticket is for up to 4 people (adults/children) via Eventbrite. There are two sessions, one at 10 am and one at 12.30 pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/feel-good-week-family-fun-event-31522-10-1130am-barleyfields-fc-tickets-337916676877>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/feel-good-week-family-fun-event-31522-1230-2pm-barleyfields-fc-tickets-337976275137>

Bookings are made on a first come first served basis and numbers will be limited for health and safety reasons due to the equipment we are hiring for the event.

Parking available on site.

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***Watton at Stone***  
***Primary and Nursery School***  
***Family Picnic to celebrate***  
***the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.***

**When: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**Where: On the school field**

**Pre School, Nursery and Reception classes**

All children and parents are invited to attend from 11.45am until 12.45pm. If your child is booked in to stay for lunch on a Thursday, then parents do not have to attend. However, if your child isn't booked in for lunch on a Thursday, then a parent must attend and be responsible for your child.

Please enter the school grounds and exit via the Nursery green gate. Further details for pre school children will be sent home soon.

**Year 1 and 2**

Children will be coming out onto the field at 12pm and can remain with parents until 1pm. Once they have finished eating, children will be able to play on the field/playground. If a parent isn't able to attend, then the children will eat with their class teacher on the field and then play with their friends.

Please enter the school grounds and exit via the main gate near the school office.

**Years 3, 4 5 and 6**

Children will be coming out onto the field at 12.30pm and can remain with their parents until 1.30pm. Once they have finished eating, children will be able to play on the field/playground. If a parent isn't able to attend, then the children will eat with their class teacher on the field and then play with their friends.

Please enter the school grounds and exit via the main gate near the school office.

**What to bring:** Please bring your rug, chairs and picnic food. Children who normally have a school dinner, will be provided with a school packed lunch on this day. There will be no hot school dinners. Please do not pack any food items containing nuts. We are a nut free school and do have children in school with serious allergies to nuts.

*If you can't attend this event, but would like your child to eat with another family, then please let the class teacher know in advance.*

*Unfortunately, if it rains on this day, then we will have to cancel this event as we are unable to accommodate all parents and children safely inside the building. In the event of a cancellation, then we will send you a message on the morning of 26th May.*

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## **Queens Platinum Jubilee Strawberry growing competition**



Let's get Gardening! HCL Catering community Support team want to see your schools' strawberries. We have 2 categories

Grow your own.

Best strawberry recipe.

There will be Prizes for:

1st place

2nd place

3rd place

To enter email [Community.support@hcl.co.uk](mailto:Community.support@hcl.co.uk)

You will have to purchase your own strawberries and complete the entry form by 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022

Competition ends 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 for all final photos sent

Winners will be announced 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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## Queens Jubilee! Community Support, Strawberry Competition

The Competition Is Split Into Two Categories:

- Gardening- Planting of plants and growing and nurturing to produce a crop
- Cooking- Harvesting the strawberries grown, creating a recipe & cooking

For Each Category There Will Be:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

(VARIOUS PRIZES TBC)

### How To Enter

- Please complete the attached Entry Form
- Return the entry form to: [communitysupport@hcl.co.uk](mailto:communitysupport@hcl.co.uk)

Supporting Evidence Alongside Entry:

- Photo evidence of the planting by the pupils
- Photo evidence of pupils caring & nurturing the plants
- Final Photos Of the growing area and strawberries produced
- Final photos of the recipe they have created
- Photos of the pupils cooking using the recipe and cooking



## Queens Platinum Jubilee Strawberry growing competition entry form



School Address	
School Head teacher	
School entry person and email	
Pupils entering Class, Club, All	
Which Category? Growing, Recipe, Both	

**Please attach photos of pupils planting strawberries and the entry form.**

Please add any additional photos of taking care of their plants (Watering/weeding).

Making their recipes.

As the competition continues you can email any progress that your school is proud of and final photos.

[Community.support@hcl.co.uk](mailto:Community.support@hcl.co.uk)

If you would like us to visit your amazing Strawberry patches please email us.

Remember you have until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to enter and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to send your final photos.

The Community Support team look forward to seeing all your amazing entries and hard work.

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## Dates for your diary

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

### **May**

16<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> - KS1 SAT's

16<sup>th</sup> - Walk to School Week

16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Bikeability

16<sup>th</sup> - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

16<sup>th</sup> - No Pens Day

23<sup>rd</sup> - Queens Elizabeth 11 Platinum Jubilee week

25<sup>th</sup> - House point reward

26<sup>th</sup> - Queens Platinum Jubilee Family picnic

26<sup>th</sup> - Last day of half term

27<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Half Term (including an extra day for the Queen's Jubilee)

### **June**

6<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day 5

7<sup>th</sup> - Children return

Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonics screening check

Throughout June - Year 4 multiplication check

13<sup>th</sup> - Health and Fitness week

14<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day 1

15<sup>th</sup> - Whole school pupil parliament meeting

17<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day 2 (Reserve)

23<sup>rd</sup> - Full Governing Body meeting

28<sup>th</sup> - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

29<sup>th</sup> - No Pens Day

### **July**

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Assessment week

14<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 transition day to secondary schools

18<sup>th</sup> - Reports to parents

22<sup>nd</sup> - Feel Good Friday

22<sup>nd</sup> - End of Term 2.15pm

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