



Newsletter



Summer Term

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Dear Parent / Carer

We have come to the end of another really busy half term of fun learning, assessment and celebrations.

You may have spotted our Year 4 children in Eagles class on TV last week, showcasing their times table knowledge as they took part in a Guinness Book of Records challenge with Times Tables Rock Stars. They all spoke and presented very confidently-well done Eagles class-absolute stars!!

The children in KS2 had a fantastic trip out to Queen's Park for the Faith Tour this week and we were extremely proud of them all; their behaviour was exemplary and they showed great respect in all places of worship, asking really appropriate questions and learned lots about the religions of the places they visited.

The Platinum Jubilee celebrations have been ongoing this week with a finale of an outdoor assembly on the amphitheatre where children showcased their crowns, red, white and blue outfits and sang the National Anthem.



The PTFA have worked incredibly hard this week and laid on a magnificent afternoon tea in the hall for parents and members of the local community. The decorations and refreshments were beautiful. Well done and thank you!!

I hope you all enjoy a restful half term with your families and I look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 7th June.

Mrs Headland

Diary Dates

- 6th June—School closed
- 7th June—Pirate Day (Reception only)
- 27th June—Outdoor learning week
- 15th July—Pupil reports
- 22nd July—Last day of term



Attendance

A big well done to Oak class for last week and this week with 99.3% attendance. The whole school attendance is 95% but we are aiming for 98%!



Queens Platinum Jubilee

Our PTFA hosted a Jubilee Afternoon Tea on Thurs 26th May. The event was a huge success and our PTFA team did us proud. Those who attended enjoyed Scones with clotted cream and jam, cake and chocolate dipped strawberries etc. Thank you for all of your hard work PTFA.



Uniform

Please could you ensure all your school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. We are constantly finding lost clothing which we are unable to reunite with it's owner. Just a simple permanent marker hand written would suffice. There is no need to make special purchases.



Today, the children also enjoyed a fun day with a variety of class activities to participate in linked to the Jubilee. These included a lucky dip and a "name the bear" competition which was won by Fern in Year 1. Well done Fern. We raised £180 for the school which is fantastic and would like to sincerely thank all parents who supported the event and Heather Crellin-Lane for organising everything.

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Faith Tour

The children and staff were met with the warmest of welcomes at the different places of worship in Queens Park. It was wonderful to watch the children explore different faiths through questioning and how they were awestruck at the amazing buildings.

All of the children had well thought out questions and listened with respect to the religious leaders as they shared elements of their faith.

Our pupils represented the school impeccably demonstrating wonderful respect and representing the school with pride.

They have already put their learning into action and produced some fantastic written work about their experiences on the faith tour trip.



Reminder—Holidays in term time

Any unauthorised holidays will trigger a fine in line with Bedford Borough Council guidelines. Should your child be absent from school for more than 3 consecutive days the school will need to be provided with medical evidence to support their absence.



Hot Hot Hot

As the weather is getting warmer can we please remind you to send your child to school with a named sunhat, also please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school.

Could we also ask that you check the ingredients of the sun cream before sending it in. If it contains any nut products we are unable to have this in school.



Fire Engine Visit

On Thursday Year 2 had a visit from Bedfordshire's Brigade who taught them about safety measures such as; get out, stay out, call 999 and stop, drop, roll.

We also got to use the hose and see all the equipment a firefighter uses everyday such as their uniform.



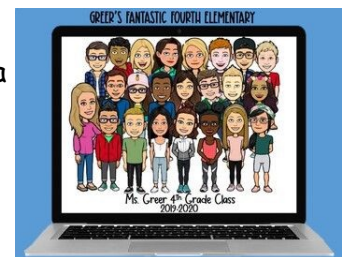
Thank you from Jenny Cox

On 1st April Mrs Jenny Cox celebrated 25 years of working at Cotton End Forest School. To those of you who contributed towards a gift to mark this amazing achievement, Mrs Cox has asked us to forward her sincere gratitude. She is very touched.



Class Photos

Please be reminded that a copy of your child's class photo can be purchased from Tempest Photography as per the ParentMail sent out on 16th May.



BBC Look East

We were very excited to receive a visit from BBC Look East on 18th May to showcase TT Rock Stars achieving a Guinness World Record for their Rocking and Rolling Programme. Year 4 were amazing hosts and entertainers and the recording taken from their classroom was aired that evening on BBC Look East News. Well done Year 4.



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