



Weekly Newsletter

21 April 2023

Welcome

I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and managed to have some quality family time. It was lovely to see the children back in school and everyone has come back really settled. The summer term is always busy – planning for end of year assessments, Year 6 children leaving, the residential for Year 4, school trips, sports days, summer fair and welcoming new children and families into Reception.

Please have a look at the dairy for the latest events.

Kings Coronation

We will be celebrating the King's Coronation during the week of 2nd—5th May. The children will do a range of activities in class based on the theme of King Charles' interests; arts, sustainability, farming and architecture. We will finish with an assembly for everyone to show what they have done during the week. Kelly has also promised to bake cakes for every class to enjoy on the Friday.

Academy Consultation

As I mentioned before the Easter holidays, we have had a consultation for the Maiden Erlegh Academy Trust. We had a session for parents last night with our Chair and Vice Chair of Governors, Jonathan Peck (CEO) and Andy Johnson (Director of Education) of Maiden Erlegh.

There was a request to run another session, online lightly later in the evening. We will arrange a date for this and let you know. There will be further information to follow. In the meantime, please follow the link for the consultation and this will help format a FAQ. All the information is available on our website, and also on Maiden Erlegh's website. Follow the links below.

[Birch Hill Website](#)

[Maiden Erlegh Website](#)

[Click here for consultation link](#)

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Kerslake and we are hoping Mrs Shiva will start a phased return from the beginning of May. As I mentioned before, unfortunately Mrs Russell is still recovery following her operation and we are in contact with her and wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, Mrs Sehgal will continue to cover 4R. If you have any questions about 4R, please feel free to contact me.

I am pleased to welcome Ms Alanna Smith and Mrs Radzinska who have joined us as Teaching Assistants in Year 3 and Year 5.

Teachers Strikes

As you know, the National Education Union are continuing their strike action and the next two dates are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. As before, teachers do not need to officially inform me of their decision until 8am on the strike day. Please be assured teachers are not taking this action lightly and it is a very hard decision for them. At the moment; the following classes/year groups will be CLOSED;

Nursery

3HD

5K & 5D

I will let you know ASAP about the impact of Tuesday 2nd May.

Michael Dillon - Headteacher

REMINDER - The Maiden Erlegh Consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 28th May

DATES FOR THE DIARY

BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 2ND MAY
Year 4 Oakwood Residential Meeting (virtual)	Wednesday 3rd May @ 6.00pm
King's Coronation Celebration Week	Tuesday 2nd May - Friday 5th May
Year 2 Family Learning Workshop	2M - Thursday 4th May & 2OB - Friday 5th May @ 9-10.30am
CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 8TH MAY
Year 6 SATS Week	Tuesday 9th May—Friday 12th May
Year 1 Windsor Castle Trip	Friday 12th May
Year 5 Rhos Residential Meeting	Wednesday 17th May @ 6.00pm
Triple Thank You & Triple Star Tea Party	Friday 26th May
HALF TERM	MONDAY 29TH MAY—FRIDAY 2ND JUNE
Year 4 Test Week	Monday 5th June - Friday 9th June
Year 1 Phonic Screening	Monday 12th June - Friday 16th June
Sports Day	Wednesday 21st June - Rec & KS1 -AM & KS2 -PM
Junior Music Festival	Tuesday 27th June
Year 4 Oakwood Residential	Wednesday 28th June— Friday 30th June
Friends Summer Fair	Saturday 1st July
Reserve Sports Day	Wednesday 5th July
Class Transition Days	Wednesday 5th July (AM) & Thursday 6th July (PM)
Annual Report Day	Friday 14th July
End of Term 'Open Door' Parent Evening	Monday 17th July - 3.30pm-5pm
Year 6 Leavers' Festival	Wednesday 19th July @ 6pm for 6.30pm.
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 21st July (time TBC)