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Bassingbourn Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We had a wonderful time celebrating the coronation of King Charles III on Friday 05th May 2023. Thank you to FOBS for purchasing the strawberries and cream for all children to enjoy.



We are so proud of all our Year 6s after completing their SATs last week. As you may have seen in the media, some of these questions were incredibly hard. It has been sad to learn of the amount of children who found this week highly distressing across the country. Our pupils coped brilliantly, many of them telling us they really enjoyed sitting the papers and doing their very best. This is a testament to the excellent pastoral care we provide and the positive attitudes of our pupils. The SATs breakfasts went down particularly well, thank you to FOBS for funding this. As an extra little treat after the last paper, we also had a pancake party where the children could choose from a range of toppings for their toasted pancake.

The last few weeks have been jam-packed full of exciting learning including the visit of multiple secret story tellers in EYFS. Who will it be next week? In Year 1 this week children have been on a fantastic dinosaur adventure to Knebworth House. In Year 2, the children have been amazing whilst completing their SATs; they have also enjoyed sketching nature outside and hugging trees. Year 3 have had fun erupting their volcanoes and have had a brilliant day making their own bread. They initially designed their own packaging and practiced making bread with Play-Doh before making the bread and had a picnic to evaluate their bread making. Year 4 have been busy planting Sun-flowers and have had 100% success rate, they can't wait to continue to watch them grow, along with the plants that will be growing in our wild flower garden and no-mow zone. Year 5 have evaluated packaging and the quality of biscuits; they will be using their findings to design and make their own biscuits. They have also enjoyed reading Kensuke's Kingdom in whole class reading and exploring the writing techniques used in English.

We recently welcomed all of the teachers from 11 other schools to take part in a writing moderation exercise. This is the first time such an event has taken place in many years and what a pleasure it was to network with staff across so many schools.

Our children and staff have raised concerns about the frequent dangerous parking at the start and the end of the day. Our children have created their own parking tickets which will be issued to drivers who are not parking with the safety of our pupils in mind. Please be respectful of others and conscious of the risk dangerous parking poses to our children.

If you are not yet following us on Twitter—you are missing out on all of the exciting learning activities and enrichment going on across the school. Follow us using @bassingbournPS.

Mrs Coles

DATES

Month of May: Year 2 SATS

15th –19th May: Year 6
Grafham Water Residential
Trip

Thurs 18th May: Census
Day—change of menu.

Fri 26th May: Staff Training
Day—school closed.

29th May—2nd June: Half
Term—school closed.

Mon 5th June: Staff Training
Day—school closed.

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Headteacher's Awards

Max T, Emily R, Reeyong R, Alfie G, Bruno D, Freddie D, Katie A, Reggie L.



Tapestry

All written school communication is now shared using Tapestry or Twitter. There are just a remaining few parents now who have not activated their Tapestry accounts. Please do so soon so you do not miss out on important information. We recommend you allow push notifications so that you receive instant alerts to your phone.

Safeguarding

We take safeguarding very seriously in school. Our children recently spoke confidently to governors about the steps they can take to keep themselves safe from online and peer on peer abuse. If our children have any concerns they know to raise them with any adults in school, especially their class teacher, their TA or Mrs Green and Mr Jeray.

A message from our Local Authority Thinking about making a change?

The 15th May marks the start of foster care fortnight - <https://thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/foster-care-fortnight-2023>

Have you ever thought about being a Foster Carer to children who can't live with their families? Ever thought to yourself 'I'd love to care for a child' but then wondered how this would fit with your work commitments? There are children and young people who need a loving home, and you could be just what they need. If you would like more information about becoming a Foster Carer or know someone who could offer a safe, secure and loving home then please get in touch on: 0800 052 0078 or email fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering

School Development

Tuesday 6th June will be a very important day for us as a school. This is the day we launch our new school vision, values, logo and website. **Our brand new uniform can be ordered from 12th June from Home page | TotalClothingShop.co.uk** Thank you once again to everyone who has contributed to this important work (pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers). The day will begin with a launch assembly for all children followed by our 'Launch Day Fun Morning' where our children will get to see the staff compete in a range of funny sports day races and all pupils can take part in a range of fete-style activities including Beat the Goalie and welly wanging.

We can't wait to begin our journey to becoming a Forest School next year. The preparation of the school grounds is underway including the creation of a no-mow zone and wild flower garden along with the two willow dome classrooms we have had created.

Children across the school are beginning to create special pieces of art in readiness for turning our large foyer into our own Bassingbourn Art Gallery. We are looking forward to showing this off when it is complete.

All parents and carers have now received recommended book lists via Tapestry. In school, our children now receive weekly library sessions as well as their daily DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) session and their class reading lessons. A member of staff also shares the book they are currently reading every Monday in our whole school assemblies. It has been wonderful to see reading really take off in the school. Every morning our library area is full with children having 1:1 reading sessions with an adult.

Fundraising Super Star!

We are very proud of Sophie in Sea Otters who recently donated 14 inches of her hair to the Little Princesses Trust. She has raised over £910 so far.
Well done Sophie!

Attendance

Highest attendance awards since the last newsletter go to:
W/C 17/4 99.17% Rainbowfish W/C 24/4 98.46% Penguins
W/C 01/05 99.02% Penguins

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