



Spring has Sprung

It has been a pleasure to see so many signs of spring on our return to school this week. The planters are looking beautiful and the sensory garden is blooming. Thanks again to Richard and Yvonne, two parents who have been working on maintaining the growing spaces that we have. It has put a smile on the faces of visitors, staff and children.



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! As we enter the Summer term we have many things to look forward to including; bank holidays; lighter evenings; warmer weather; Sports Day; increased outdoor provision; the Summer Fair, and the new Summer lunch menu. The pasta pots have already proved very popular with children across the school, with fantastic feedback. One child told me that the pasta sauce was so good, that it should be called "Messing's Special Sauce"- well done to Mrs Owens.

A reminder that The Lodge is open as our library space, and thanks to our parent volunteers, all children will have the opportunity to change their library books every two weeks. At Messing, we very much see ourselves as a reading school. At the start of the year the decision was taken to remove homework to improve parent and child wellbeing, instead focussing on reading, as this underpins all areas of the curriculum. Please remember that it is equally important for children to be read to as well as listening to your child. A signature should be entered into your child's reading log each time so that we can keep a record of children's reading journey.

Thank you to you all for your support with attendance last term. This is a focus across all primary and secondary schools as there is a wealth of research based on children's percentage of school attendance and their outcomes later in life. I know that it can be very challenging at times and there has been a lot of illness, but despite this, our whole school attendance is on the way up.

Very best wishes,

Ms Charlotte Brown (Headteacher)

Coronation Plans



Friday 5th May

A 3 course Royal Banquet with starters made by children in classes. **Please email the school office by Tuesday 25th April.**

Red, white and blue day. Wear something blue (accessories, socks or trousers). School jumper, tie and shirt or summer dress to be worn as usual (we already cover red and white).

King's Coronation Crown Competition- all children are invited to design and make their own crown. We will host a parade in the morning (similar to World Book Day). Winners will be selected and awarded their prizes at the end of the day.

Key Stage 2 Gardening Club will be planting an apple tree alongside the tree planted as part of the Queen's Canopy Project.

Friday 5th- Monday 8th May

All Saints Church Flower Festival- all welcome to view the displays.

Sunday 7th May

Messing village celebrations (please see the final page).

Monday 8th May

Big Help Out- community volunteering day held at the school.

Optional family homework challenge...

We've had coronation chicken for Queen Elizabeth II and now coronation quiche for King Charles, what would your special culinary creation be to mark the occasion?

Please share your ideas and recipes with us. Perhaps if we have enough, we could create our own Messing Primary recipe book to mark the occasion.

School Council Updates

Today I met with the School Council to gather their ideas for our Coronation celebrations. They came up with the fantastic idea to 'wear something blue' to make the royal colours on Friday 5th May.

The children have also been contributing their thoughts on additional jobs that we can ask for support with during The Big Help Out. They put forward the idea of a water feature in Frederick's Garden/ Sensory Garden to make calming and tranquil sounds, helping us all with our wellbeing.

Online Safety

TikTok

In 2022, an Ofcom report found it to be the most-used platform for posting content, particularly among 12-17-year-olds. It can be a create space and is being widely used by many businesses. The app is not without its risks, however. Due to its popularity, it is often where viral trends/challenges start and get spread. Not all of these challenges are safe, yet young people can feel pressured into trying them. The app is also known for its addictive nature with children in the UK spending an average of 102 minutes a day on the app.

There are things parents and carers are able to do to help limit the risks and help make the app a safer place, such as the family pairing function which lets them link their account to their child's and adjust settings.

[Read the Parent Guide from National Online Safety here](#)



**MONDAY
8TH MAY**

Key Dates for Summer Term

Bank Holiday- 1st May

Royal Banquet/ Coronation crown competition- 5th May

All Saints Church Flower Festival- 5-8th May

Messing village celebrations- 7th May

Big Help Out- 8th May

KS2 SATs week- 9-12th May

KS1 SATs- 9-19th May

Yr 3/4 Cricket competition- 18th May

Half Term- 29th May-2nd June

*NEU Teacher Strikes planned 27/04 and 02/05. We are hoping to remain open to all classes. We will share more information closer to the time.

The Big Help Out

To mark His Majesty The King's Coronation, thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities. At Messing Primary School, we are joining in. No matter what you are good at, there'll be something to suit helping hands of all shapes and sizes!

We are hoping for help with gardening and some outdoor projects. These include:

- ★ Planting in the sensory garden
- ★ Digging a new vegetable patch
- ★ Sanding and painting the benches
- ★ Creating an outdoor library
- ★ Clearing the gutters
- ★ Digging a mud pit

We will be hosting volunteers from the local community between 9am - 1pm. If you can spare an hour... fantastic. The morning?... amazing! **Thank you to everyone who has already been in touch! The staff team are very excited as we can add more onto our to-do list with your support.**

If you are interested in helping, please email us at admin@messingprimaryschool.co.uk with your name, tools you can bring/ any specialist skills (e.g. carpentry) and what time you are available to support or alternatively use [this link](#) and add your name and details.



Recycling Plea

We are proud to be contributing to the village Coronation Flower Festival and are creating a display using recycled paper (gathered in school) and plastic water/ drinks bottles. Please save any plastic bottles and lids and send them into school with your child. Rest assured, we will recycle any unused bottles and caps.

After School First Aid

After the excellent success of this provision last term, we are excited to be able to offer First Aid for the children for an additional term which is has proved so popular and is already full. This is run by Mrs Hart who is a trained first aider and previously worked as a nurse on the children's ward. She is passionate about upskilling the children with basic first aid skills.

Using British Red Cross resources, some of the topics covered include:

- Allergies & stings
- Choking
- Broken bones
- Recovery position

Thank you for supporting us with our after school club.

We are looking to put on some First Aid training for parents in the future, so please keep your eyes peeled for this.

Book Recommendations for Parents

Miss Birch

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Ms Brown

Educated by Tara Westover

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson

Book Recommendations for Children

Jacob- *Frost Heart* by Jamie Littler

Eliza- *Invisible Child* by Andrea Elliott

Olivia- *Harry Potter* (all of them) by J.K. Rowling

Jenson- books based around the experience of war

Thomas- *How to Build a Car* by Adrian Newey

Blake- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney

Ella- *Lightning Girl* by Alesha Dixon

Dexter- *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson

Sophia- *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson



CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III MESSING STREET PARTY

SUNDAY 7TH MAY · 12:00 MIDDAY · MESSING VILLAGE GREEN

DJ to Play Music through King's Life—1940's to Current Day

Bring a Dish - bring and share

Beer Tent

BBQ

Throw the Welly

Football Games

Splat the Rat

Fancy Dress Competition for Children

with prize for the best crown

Coconut Shy

Apple Bobbing

Human Fruit Machine



With thanks to our Parish Council for their support and sponsorship for this event

Volunteers welcomed and appreciated to help organise games

(please get in touch with Jan Barker on 07816 872696 if you can help to make this day memorable)

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