



Spring Term Attendance

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have made small steps towards improving our whole-school attendance, a focus for all Essex primary and secondary schools.

The following children received postcards home for their excellent attendance, between 98-100%.

Very well done to all!

Wrens

Harriet

Robins

Lenny, Isla, Felix, Harriet, Alba, Dexter, Rocky, Agatha, Wilf, Jack

Kingfishers

Jamie, Jess, Ella, Heath, Olivia, Arlo, Agatha

Owls

Eliza, Steven, Zach, Sophie

For children who arrive late in the mornings, there is now a signing in book in Reception which must be completed by parents dropping off.

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed the two Bank Holiday weekends, an excellent opportunity for all to recharge the batteries as we move through the busy term. We thoroughly enjoyed marking the King's Coronation with a range of events in school and it was a lovely opportunity for the children to get creative.

This week we have KS2 SATs, and over the next two weeks, children in Yr 2 will be taking their SATs. Children across the school will be building up to assessments this term- a very busy period for all, but our focus remains on the children's wellbeing.

We are happy that we are able to visit Oaksbrook farm with some of the children again this term. It will be quite a change from the previous visits that took place in the winter. If your child is visiting, information will be shared with you by the class teacher.

Later in the summer term, we will be fortunate enough to be working with the Two Johns to focus on online safety. There will be opportunities for the children to take part in online assemblies, as well as an online parent talk. Please make a note of the date on the next page as the parent sessions come highly recommended.

Very best wishes,
Ms Charlotte Brown (Headteacher)

Coronation Banquet Review

It was certainly a feast fit for a King on Friday. There were glowing reviews about school lunch, with some children in Owl Class telling me that it was "even better than Christmas dinner!" A particular favourite was the Eton Mess for pudding. A big thank you to Mrs Owens for all of her hard work and to Ms Gooday who helped with preparation and made pudding.

Classes prepared the following for their starters:

Wrens- carrot and cucumber sticks with hummus

Robins- quiche

Kingfishers and Owls- puff pastry pinwheels



Crown Winners

Congratulations to all children who designed and created their own crowns. There were so many fantastic entries across the school. Well done to the winning entries:

Wrens- Alf

Robins- Alfie

Kingfishers- Charlie

Owls- Eliza

Thank you to the PTFA for providing the prizes for the competition.



The Big Help Out

A huge thank you to the 8 members of staff and their families and friends, as well as the 6 families who joined us at school on Monday 8th May! With everybody's energy and a range of tools, we were able to really make some positive changes to our outside space. It was so amazing to come together and everybody shared new and exciting ideas about other projects that could happen in the future.

Hopefully you will be able to notice some of the updates when you are in school and the children will be able to tell you, but here is a list of our achievements:

- ★ Planting in the sensory garden, as well as putting up windchimes and a bird feeding station
- ★ We now have a vegetable patch, complete with vegetables that some of the children planted at home
- ★ All of our benches have been sanded and painted
- ★ We have re-barked the pathway through the nature area thanks to a generous donation of bark
- ★ All of the gutters have been cleared, the roof checked and around 15 tennis balls collected
- ★ There is now a mud pit built on the school field
- ★ We have 3 outdoor welly racks
- ★ The small gardening shed has been cleared and organised
- ★ 4 new fruit trees have been planted on the school field
- ★ In the boy's toilet, the wall has been repaired and panelling was added and painted
- ★ The playhouse in the Early Years garden has been repainted



Key Dates for Summer Term

KS2 SATs week- 9-12th May

KS1 SATs- 9-19th May

Mental Health Awareness week- 15th May

School football Match at Baynards- 22nd May

Yr 3/4 Cricket competition- 18th May

Half Term- 29th May-2nd June

Non-pupil Day- 5th June

Two Johns online safety for pupils- 7th June

Healthy Eating Week- 12th June

Two Johns Parent online safety talk- 13th June (more details to follow- but please make a note of the date)

Wrens Class Trip- 15th June



School Council

The School Council, along with Mrs Lewis and Ms Brown, had an important responsibility on Friday, presenting Messing Primary's design at All Saints' Church for their Flower Festival. Dodging the rain, everybody was able to spot a lot of bunting on display through the village on the walk.

