A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 27th May 2022





Dear Parents,

As you are aware, this year Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service to this country. This is such an incredible achievement and I am sure that you are looking forward to the Jubilee Weekend celebrations with your families and neighbours. Our school marked the occasion today. During the morning lessons, the children learnt about The Queen and her life as well as about the different Commonwealth countries. In the afternoon the children presented their work during assembly, participated in a Commonwealth flag parade, listened to the choir and enjoyed their snack on the field. As the sun was shining, this made a particularly lovely afternoon. All the children and staff were dressed up in red, white and blue colours to commemorate the occasion. We all wish Her Majesty a continuous and healthy service to this country.

Earlier this week our year 6 children enjoyed a visit from two local magistrates.

From our Year 6 Teachers: We were very grateful that two local magistrates, Caroline and Janet, came to talk to year 6 on Monday. They gave an informative presentation about their important role (which is voluntary), what kind of cases magistrate's courts deal with, how guilt or innocence is decided and how a sentence is reached. The children then took part acting in a mock trial which was fun, interesting and thought-provoking. The children listened with interest and carefully considered the evidence before sharing their opinions clearly.

Yesterday, our PTA organised a disco for all the year groups. This was the first post lock down disco for our children and I am pleased to say that it was a success –albeit noisy! The children participated in games, danced, played with glow sticks, and had a drink as well as snack. There was even a bubble machine ⁽ⁱ⁾. A huge thank you to our PTA members who organised and oversaw the event. As always, many thanks to our staff who always find time in their busy lives to support events that make our children happy –special mention to Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Carver and Mrs Mead. I sincerely hope ladies that you enjoyed putting your dancing shoes on.

Wednesday marked the National Thank a Teacher Day. I would like to say thank you to all teachers and staff who work in education as, in my mind, there is no job more influential than shaping children's lives. Teaching is not an easy option – it is a job, where one never 'switches off' and where responsibility and accountability is particularly high. However, rewards are immense, as there is nothing more important than providing knowledge, pastoral care, safeguarding as well helping the next generation develop into caring and well-rounded adults. Other than parents, teachers have arguably the biggest influence on a child's life. We are all incredibly grateful for all your hard work and support that you give to all pupils. I hope that you all have a well-deserved rest during the half term.

Our Woodside Bloggers have been very busy this half term and completed the next chapter of The Last Sorcerer, where Tim's quest is revealed. This term's bloggers are: Evie (5C), Leon (5C), Jatin (6DT), Lora (6DT) and Immy (5RW). Many thanks to Miss Croot, our Writing Lead, who worked with the children during lunchtimes. I hope that you enjoy their endeavours—please click <u>here</u> to read.

It never amazes me how versatile, resilient and all together fantastic Woodside pupils are. Elsa (3JB), Will (5RW), Chloe (5RW) and Sadie (3FM) completed 5K Mud Raise in aid of a cancer charity. Well done to the children as I am sure it was not easy to run an obstacle course through the mud. They also raised an amazing £2500 for a charity. Absolutely fantastic.

Congratulations to the pupils who entered Amersham in Bloom *Green and Blue* book collaboration. Amersham Town Council is delighted to announce that some of the entries are going to be published in the book. Invited children can collect their book at the Children's Jubilee Eco-Fest on Saturday 4th June between 10:30am and 2pm (St. Michael's Square, Sycamore Road, Amersham). Well done to all pupils who took part in this particular competition.

This week I managed to keep to one page \textcircled . Before I sign off for the half term, I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents. Without your support our school would not be as successful as it is today. Most importantly –thank you boys and girls. You are one in a million. Have a lovely half term, enjoy the sunshine and have a well –deserved rest.

Best wishes

Dorota Milner



Bags to School

If you are having a clear out this half term please bring in any donations

on **Tuesday 14th June 9am**

Please click <u>here</u> for further details

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Tues 7th—Fri 10th June	Year 6 Bikeability Week
Mon 13th June	Drum Workshop Whole School
Mon 13th June	Yr 3 Visit to West Wittering Beach
Tues 14th June	Bags2school
Sat 18th June	Summer Fair Click <u>here</u> for details
Tues 28th June	Year 6 Games Dr Chal- Ioner's High School
Wed 29th June	Year 4 to St Albans Verulamium Museum
Tues 5th July	Transition Day
Thurs 7th July am	Sports Day
July am	Sports Day

Upcoming term dates for your diary

Close Fri 27th May	3.15pm
Open Tues 7th June	Gates open:
Close Wed 20th July	1.30pm

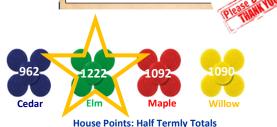


Cur Eco-Council ace always looking for ways to REDUCE, RECYCLE & REUSE and we have come up with a fantastic idea.

We would like for you to donate any used plastic pots or tubs that you may have at home. These can be take-away tubs and pots, ice cream tubs or any other plastic container that you think might be useful for lunch boxes.

Our aim is to try <u>reduce</u> the amount of plastic and packaging that is used in lunch boxes, which include cling film and foil.

Please send in any tubs and pots from Tuesday 7th June.



Thank you for your on-going support