



# Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

*Nurturing minds and hearts through God's love*

## Newsletter 24/4/23

Hello parents – Some dates for your diary:

### Coronation Celebration

We will be celebrating King Charles' coronation on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**.

There will be a special lunch and some fun and memorable activities in class. We invite pupils to come in red, white and blue (or some combination of the colours) for the day. We are also inviting entrants to a crown competition – each child is welcome to make a crown at home and a prize will be awarded per class.

### Wig Walk

Our classes are doing very well in keeping up their miles for our 15 mile walk in aid of FACT. We will have completed 12 of those miles before **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May** when we will do our three mile Wig Walk to Chase Park and back. We will have our lunch there, so pupils will need to have packed lunch and be in P.E. kit, including jogging bottoms if it is chilly. We would love to do this as a proper Wig Walk, so if you have a wig at home for your child to wear, that would be brilliant – we very much look forward to sharing the photographs with you!

### Foodbank Friday

Foodbank Friday has also fallen on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**, as the next Friday is an occasional day. We thank you in advance for your generosity – the People's Kitchen are always overwhelmed and so grateful for your contributions.

### Occasional Day

Our occasional day is on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**.

### Sports Day

Our morning of sport is on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** from 9.30am on the school field – the KS1 gates by the main entrance will re-open for parents at 9:15am. More information will follow soon.

### Internet Safety Event

We will be hosting Martin Bailey of Animate 2 Educate on the morning of **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**. More details will follow, but this is definitely one for the diary as Martin is an expert in helping you keep children safe online. He will also provide a surgery to help parents set up parent controls on their children's devices. The parent part of his workshop is from 9 – 10:30am.

### Open Afternoons for Parents

As last summer, we would like to invite parents to come and visit their children in their classes, so that they can look through books together and explore the learning environment. The open afternoons will take place on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 1:20pm**. During the two afternoons, we will set up games and puzzles for the children to do and you will be invited to come in and see them in their classrooms. Due to space restrictions, we can only offer this opportunity to one parent unless there are very special circumstances, and we'll need to restrict numbers each day to 15 adults. There will be half of the class whose parents are not attending on the afternoon that you visit, so their class teacher will be engaging with those children, so they won't be in a position to do much more than welcome you into the classroom. If you have any questions and they aren't free to talk, please feel free to contact us afterwards. If you would like to take your child with you when you leave, please make sure that you sign them out at the office, if it is before 3:15pm. You will be able to sign up one of the afternoons on E-Schools later this week – we'll send a message to let you know when this is available.

### Leaver's Assembly

Our Year 6 pupils will have their leavers' assembly on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9:15am.

Many thanks as always for your support.

Best wishes

*R Walton*

Mrs Walton

Don't forget, you can find lots of school information on our [website](#) – our letters are saved on there, you can find out about our curriculum, and we have our calendar and term dates too. If you are ever in need of information, it's a good place to start! Additionally, all dates are on our E-schools calendar.

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