

Newsletter Number 15 – 28th April 2023



The children have all settled back to school superbly ready for the Summer term. Already, our school has been incredibly busy with Year Four visiting the Emberton Solar Farm as part of their learning in Eco Science; Year One have been wowing their families with their superb knowledge and confidence in their class assemblies and Year Three and Four competed in a hockey tournament against other schools in our trust. Both year groups played superbly, but a huge congratulations to Year Four who won the tournament. There were huge celebrations at school as this is our first win!

School Value – Perseverance

As we return to school, we have shared with the children our new value for the term, which is perseverance. Already, lots of the children have been showing this value, especially in Year Six as they are working hard on the final push for SATs. The bird feeders are already beginning to fill and I have no doubt each class will be having a reward at the end of the term.



Mr McDonald

Families in Mr McDonald's class are already aware that we will be saying goodbye to Mr McDonald in June as he leaves to join another one of our schools in the Trust. This is a really exciting role for Mr McDonald who will continue with his role as an Assistant Principal, but will be not have a class responsibility. We will be really sad to see Mr McDonald leave and I am sure you will join me in thanking him for all his hard work at Pineham Barns.

When Mr McDonald leaves in June, Miss Sophie Moore will be taking over responsibility for his class. We are delighted to have Sophie with us for the whole of the summer term and even more excited that she will be joining the team as a class teacher from September.

Coronation Event – Friday 5th May at 2pm

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Afternoon Tea on Friday 5th May at 2pm. There has been additional communication sent out this week, but here are a few reminders:

- The event will start at 2pm and families will be able to collect their child / children from the classroom. To ensure the safety of the children, parents will then be responsible for their child from 2pm and will need to supervise them during the event.
- If you are unable to make the afternoon tea, but have made arrangements for your child to be collected by another parent, please contact the school office by Thursday 4th May. Any children that aren't collected will be having all of the games and joining in with the celebrations at their own special party.
- Please bring a blanket along with an afternoon tea or whatever you would like to share on the school field. Don't forget, there is also a special 'Pineham Bake Off' especially for the King, which will be judged by all of our families. Any entries need to be brought into school by 9am on the 5th May and any donations raised from the selling of cakes will go to raise further funds for the school through the PTA.



Finally, we are looking forward to seeing you all there and we are all just keeping our fingers crossed for sunshine!

Summer Uniform

Although the sun doesn't seem to have received the notification that it is the Summer term, we just wanted to remind families that the children are able to come in their summer uniform should they wish. Further information about our uniform, can be found on our website in the policies section at the bottom of the homepage. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Term Dates

Just a reminder to families, we now have an additional training date on the 5th September 2023 and we no longer have a training day on the 15th April 2024. Further details of our term dates can be found on our website in the parents section.

Year Six SATs

Our Year Six children have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs which start on Tuesday 9th May and finish on Friday 12th May and will be roughly an hour a day. We have some exciting things planned for the afternoons on these days to ensure the children have a chance to relax and celebrate their hard work.

On assessment days, we will be offering an earlier start at 8:15 am for those children that wish to come in, relax and have some breakfast with their friends before the assessments. As an additional treat, on Friday 12th May we will be having a Year Six pizza party in the afternoon to round off the week. A letter will be coming home next week with further information about this.

Sports Day

One of the highlights of the year is back – Sports Day! To provide families with plenty of notice, we have listed all of the Sports Days and the reserve date in case of bad weather.

Friday 30th June - Reception & Year One Sports Day at 9:15am

(Monday 3rd July – Reception & Year One reserve date)

Friday 7th July – Year Two & Year Three Sports Day at 9:15am

(Monday 10th July - Year Two & Year Three reserve date)

Wednesday 12th July – Year Four, Five & Six at 9:15am

(Friday 14th July - Year Four, Five & Six reserve date)

Each Sports Day will start at 9:15am and further information will be provided as we get closer.

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st May – School closed for bank holiday

Friday 5th May – Coronation Afternoon Tea at 2pm

Monday 8th May – School closed for Coronation

Tuesday 9th May – Year Six SATs Week

Tuesday 9th May – 3EG class assembly at 9:05am

Wednesday 10th May – 3NS class assembly at 9:05am

Thursday 11th May – Year Three trip to Think Tank

Thursday 18th May – Year Five/Six Sywell visit

Tuesday 23rd May – Year Four trip to London Zoo

Thursday 25th May – 4NM class assembly at 9:05am

Friday 26th May – 4JS class assembly at 9:05am

Friday 26th May – Year 2 topic celebration day

Friday 26th May – School closes for half term

Monday 5th June – School re-opens

Friday 9th June – Saturday 10th June – Year Five/Six Space Centre Trip

Tuesday 20th June – Year Two – Miss Latham (2AL)

Thursday 22nd June – Year Two – Miss Abbas (2AA)

Friday 30th June - Reception & Year One Sports Day at 9:15am

Monday 3rd July – Tuesday 4th July – Year Six Bikeability

Friday 7th July – Year Two & Year Three Sports Day at 9:15am

Tuesday 11th July – Reception – Mrs Dell (RED)

Wednesday 12th July – Year Four, Five & Six at 9:15am

Thursday 13th July – Reception – Miss Randall (RLR)

Thursday 20th July – Year Six – Miss Slinn (6JS)

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.