



*Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School*  
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**Newsletter 13: Summer Term 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you all had a good break and enjoyed some sunshine in between the showers!

There is a lot to pack in this term as we enter the more formal assessment period for nearly all year groups, with Year 1 phonics screening, Year 2 SATs, Year 4 Multiplication Checks and Year 6 SATS.

Our children's mental health is a continual concern and a priority for us, so any child sitting a formal assessment will be looked after, given time (within what we are allowed) to do their best and some will not even realise they are doing it at all! If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

In amongst all of this will be lots of sports, 2 class trips, visitors into school, extra events and celebrations.



**The Coronation – School celebration on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

To mark the Coronation of King Charles, we will be having a celebration in school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, in the afternoon. We would like the children to come into school dressed as royalty for the day (this can include princess costumes or their own clothes with royal accessories!) We would also like the children to bring in something "sweet" that they can eat in the afternoon, this could be a fairy cake, a jam tart or a few biscuits. School will provide the drinks. The children will be once again learning some country dances to share with each other and learn some playground games that King Charles may have played when he was young. This event, I afraid, is NOT open to parents but photos will be shared on the website. There will, however be a little something shared with at home time!

**Forest School**

Forest School will continue for Maple Class and will start on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** for **Chestnut Class** and then after half term for Oak. (Some dates may need to be changed for Oak as there is a clash with other events- you will be sent the dates for Forest School nearer the half term week.)

Please make sure your children have suitable clothes, waterproofs, a coat and wellies in school, otherwise they will not be allowed to join in with the session.

**Parking outside school**

I have once again been asked by the local residents NOT for us to park on the narrow part of the road, Duncourt, at the end and the beginning of the day. The bus couldn't get through yesterday and ended up hitting a garden wall. I know that, like all schools, parking is an issue but please be mindful of our neighbours.

## Messages to Teachers and regarding absences

Please I would once again ask you **NOT to send messages about absences to Class Dojo**. Please use the website request for absence or ring and leave a message, there is no need to send 4 different messages via different platforms to say your child is going to be away. If you ring during the day and the telephone is not answered, often Mrs Chadwick is busy dealing with things away from the office, please leave a message and she will pick it up when she is back at her desk.

Please also be respectful about your tone and words used in messages to staff via email or Class Dojo. Consider whether a conversation would be better instead and if so, either ring to make an appointment or to talk to the staff member or see them in the morning to arrange a meeting.

We, in school spend a lot of time looking after your children's mental health and it is my job to also look after the staff. Please respect the fact that staff have feelings too.

## Clubs

- Dance Club will be on Tuesday (18<sup>th</sup>) and Wednesday (19<sup>th</sup>) of this week, finishing at 4:15pm
- Maple and Willow Atlas Sports Club after school every Tuesday
- Atlas Sports Club **for OAK** after school every Thursday until half term
- Reading Club continues for those children already signed up.
- Cooking Club with Mel – starts this Thursday for those children already signed up.

## Dates for your diary

Please check the calendar on the website for any updates and dates beyond half term.

Certain events **eg, sports** will be via invitation only and a letter/message will be sent via school spider directly to parents of children involved. We ensure over the year that all children have an opportunity to attend one or more sporting events. Children are invited to events for different reasons often it depends on what it is, who it is aimed at, numbers of children and staff available.

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>		Children return to school
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	All day	Bikeability for Year 5 children (bikes can remain in school over the 3 days)
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Afternoon	Emily Bird will be running Mindfulness sessions (in the afternoon) for Year 6 children to help them with any emotions regarding SATS and transition.
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>3:45 to 5:15</b>	Move to music Year 5 girls- invites already sent, at Kingshill
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	All Day	St George's Day
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>3:45 to 5:15</b>	Quad Kids – Year 5 & 6 (10 children) at Kingshill
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April- TBC – as this might change due to Teacher Strikes.</b>	<b>12:00 to 3:15</b>	Rescheduled Tag Rugby Event for Year 3 and 4. Invites already sent.
<b>Monday May 1st</b>		BANK HOLIDAY
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Afternoon	Coronation Celebration – children to come to school dressed as "Royalty" with something sweet for the afternoon.
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>		BANK HOLIDAY

<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Every Morning	Year 6 SATS Week Year 6 Breakfast from 8:00 every morning.
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>3:45 – 5:15</b>	Orienteering event for Year 3 and 4 children
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>		Finish for Half Term at 3:15pm