

Newsletter



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20th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term seems to have gone particularly quickly, and I cannot believe we are only a week away from half term! The children have been working very hard, and I am sure they are looking forward to the holiday. There are a number of fantastic activities and events happening in Codicote to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - we have attached a poster with details of these to this newsletter.



Class Assemblies

We are delighted to be able to welcome you back to Class Assemblies again! It was lovely to see so many people at 'Joseph' presented by 3M yesterday. The assemblies for the rest of the term are as shown below. Although we avoid re-scheduling if at all possible, there are times when we may need to. If this is the case, we will contact you by email or text. Assemblies start at 9.15 and take place in the hall.

Date	Class	Date	Class
Tuesday 7 th June	Year 6	Thursday 9 th June	Year 2
Tuesday 14 th June	Year 1	Thursday 16 th June	5GM
Thursday 23 rd June	5MM		
Thursday 30 th June	Year 6		
Thursday 7 th July	3C		
Thursday 14 th July	Year 4		

As before lockdown, we are happy for parents and carers to take pictures, but these cannot be shared on social media. Thank you for your support.

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5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	5
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	6
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	7
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	8
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	9
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Year 4 Times Tables Test

The children in Year 4 will be taking an online times tables test in June, in line with the government requirements. Multiplication is at the core of Maths, and children in Year 4 are expected to know all times tables up to 12x so that they can use them to solve maths problems. Any practice in learning and remembering them will be very beneficial, and will help their

confidence in approaching the tests. Many children have had considerable success in improving their times tables knowledge by using TT Rockstars, which is a fun way of practising. All children in Year 4 have a log in; if your child has difficulty accessing TT Rockstars, Mrs Broad will be happy to help.



Jubilee Celebration Day

We are all excited about celebrating the Jubilee Day on Thursday 26th May. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, children are able to bring clothes to change into for the afternoon, in blue, red, white or purple, or dress as a king, queen, prince or princess. Teddy bears – not too large – are also invited to come in. There will be a Junior Bake off for any child wishing to enter. Nursery children are invited to join us at 2.30 if they would like to. I will put together a photo montage of the day for the children, to mark this event in our history!



Length of School Day

The Government has informed schools that they expect them all to be open for 32.5 hours a week. Although we currently meet the expected amount of teaching time within the school day, to fulfil this requirement, we need to be open for ten more minutes each day. Therefore, we propose to start school at 8.50 a.m. and finish at 3.20 p.m. – starting from September 2022. We would welcome your comments on these arrangements, whether they are in favour of the proposal or against. This can be via email or paper copies.



PTFA

Thank you for supporting our film night – we had another great turnout. All funds will be going towards additional resources and opportunities for the children. We are currently fundraising for a new trim trail for the children.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13th June, at 7pm in the staffroom. All parents welcome – why not drop in and find out more? We would really value your help. If every parent were to help at just one event, during the time their child is at school, we would be fully staffed for all the events we run.



Ducklings!

We currently have three little ducklings in Year 2, and are hoping that more will hatch. Today, they are going to have their first swimming lessons – it has been fantastic watching them hatch and grow.



School Expansion

This week, I spoke to the children about the plans for the school expansion and showed them the plans and pictures of the new building. They had lots of interesting questions and thoughts. This week, the Art area is being re-decorated; I am grateful to the staff who have re-located all of the resources whilst this is being completed. Next week, kitchen units will be fitted and the area will be re-floored.

After half term, the IT suite will be emptied and re-decorated to convert it into a classroom; we have an additional set of laptops for the children to use for computing lessons and to support their work across the curriculum.



School Meals

Due to concerns around salmonella and supply issues, we will be unable to provide the chicken options on the menu for the foreseeable future. These will be substituted with pork for roast dinners and ham for wraps/sandwiches. Please change your child's meal order if you are not happy with these substitutions.



Codicote Pre-school

Codicote Pre-school have spaces for children to start in the autumn term (September) for pre-school aged children aged 2 or above. If you are interested in sending your child to the pre-school, please get in contact on 07542 285412 (9:25 am-12:25pm) or info@codicotepreschool.co.uk as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please remember I am always happy to discuss any issues with you.

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