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Whole school attendance to date this year 94.68%

**Our value this half-term
is Forgiveness.**

Psalm 130:4



*But with You there is
forgiveness*

**We always try to forgive
each other.**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term of the year. As always, the summer term is jam-packed, but this year we also have to fit in a coronation as well!

Our topic this term is 'Dig It Up!' This has already sparked a huge amount of interest and our fossil hunters and dinosaur experts are super-excited about the learning opportunities.

You will have received your curriculum letters at the start of the term, but feel free to visit the website where you will find out more information.

Coronation Celebrations!

What an exciting occasion we will be celebrating this weekend! Possibly a once in a lifetime experience for us all. We kicked off the event with a right royal day here at Newdigate. The whole school enjoyed a set of coronation activities and tucked into a party feast with the help of FONS volunteers who made sure we celebrated in style! Thank you for all your help.



For those of you looking to extend the celebrations you will find more information on the Dorking website: [Dorking Coronation – Coronation of His Majesty The King & Her Majesty The Queen Consort](#)

'Our coronation event will celebrate the best of Dorking's heritage, culture and spirit. We are bringing together our residents, visitors, businesses, local community, and partners to take a tour of our entire town – encouraging everyone to celebrate: to shop, eat, stay, play and enjoy all that we have to offer. We will welcome our new monarch by celebrating his ethos of sustainability, volunteering and supporting local business. Join us in sharing, focusing on, and featuring what makes Dorking so special. Our community.

Our Dorking Coronation event celebrates Dorking's heritage, culture and spirit with:

- We're offering a free, fun art trail for families using our Dorking LoyalFree app where the public can scan a QR code and win a prize at Waitrose
- Enjoy our open-air art exhibition (banners around town and posters in shops) featuring the winners of our community artwork competition
- 'The Big Help Out' Volunteer Village and sustainable market: St Martin's Walk, Dorking Halls and Sports Centre, High Street, URC, and South Street Gardens (War Memorial)
- Family entertainment: forest school, face painting and selfies with the 'Royal family' and corgis
- Live entertainment (choral society, brass band and show choir)
- Awards ceremony celebrating our sustainability champion, volunteer of the year, and high street business hero at South Street Gardens
- Taster sessions at Dorking Sports Centre
- Museum exhibition at the Library

Our Dorking Coronation celebrates the best of our business community, volunteers, and sustainable, local focus. We are aiming to shine a light on what's right here on our doorstep for all to see. We hope that our event will be the kick-off to something truly meaningful for everyone – whether that's committing to support local high street businesses, adopting a new sustainable practice, or volunteering in the community. We are embracing and sharing The Big Help Out message and hope that locals and visitors alike will join us.'

Year 2 SATs

Just a reminder that we will be administering SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) for year 2 this month and will therefore not be authorising any holiday for pupils in Year 2. Our aim is to get the very best out of children without causing any unnecessary stress or anxiety. They have had lots of practice leading up the tests and are used to the style and expectations involved. Given that we have a slightly different May this year, with extra bank holiday and celebrating a coronation, we would ask that you help your child do their very best by making sure they have had a good sleep and a good breakfast before they start their school day. We will of course be using these assessments alongside our teacher assessments in order to get a good idea of children's levels.

Our School Dogs

After some good parenting and assessment by Pets As Therapy, we are thrilled to announce that **Watson Moon** and **Teddy Moon** are ready to become our school dogs! We will be aiming to add them to our school family and give pupils the opportunity to spend time with them, read to them and take care of them. We have written a school dog policy that we are sending along with this newsletter that also includes a risk assessment for your information. Next week we will be asking your permission for your children to work with them and only those that give written permission will be involved, so look out for the form.



Teddy



Watson

A Thank you from Mrs Priestley

Mrs Priestley would like say a HUGE thank you for those that kindly sponsored her in the London marathon last week as well as your good luck wishes. She raised an incredible £1,700 for a charity close to her heart, Alzheimer's Research.

Have a great bank holiday coronation weekend.
See you next Tuesday.

Mrs Paula Bliss

DATES – SUMMER TERM 2023

Term dates – Monday 17th April – Friday, 21 July

May Bank Holiday – Monday 1 May

Half term dates – Monday, 29 May – Friday 2 June

INSET days – Monday 17 April & Friday 21 July

MONTH OF MAY – KS1 Tests – NO HOLIDAY FOR YEAR 2 WILL BE AUTHORISED

Diary Dates for Summer Term

17.04.23	INSET DAY
18.04.23	Back to School
May 2023	KS1 tests for Yr2 commence (see above note re: holidays)
01.05.23	Bank Holiday
08.05.23	Bank Holiday – King Charles III Coronation
26.05.23	Break up for half term
05.06.23	Back to School
10.06.23	May Queen (11.15am for 11.30am start)
12 th -16 th June	Phonics testing
14.06.23	Welcome Meeting for Parents of September intake 7.00pm
21.06.23	Yr 1 & Yr 2 Trip to Godstone Farm
28.06.23	Yr R Trip to The Lookout Discovery Centre
03.07.23	Story session for new intake 2.15-2.45pm
05.07.23	Sports Day 1.30pm
06.07.23	Teddy Bears Picnic (Yr R and Pre-school)
10.07.23	Story session for new intake 2.15-2.45pm
w/c 10.07.23	Reports to go out (all years)
12.07.23	Rescheduled Sports Day (in case of bad weather) pm
19.07.23	Yr2 Leavers' Service in the School Hall 2pm followed by Yr2 Leavers' Party
20.07.23	Break Up for Summer Holidays (2.00pm)
21.07.23	INSET Day



In God's Hands We Learn and Grow