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Dear Parents,

Doesn't time fly quickly when you're having fun! It is hard to believe that we are heading towards the last few weeks of the term, although the hot weather is most certainly

Our value this half-term is Hope.

Romans 15:13



Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy

We are hopeful for ourselves and others.

telling us that summer has well and truly arrived! This week has been a particularly busy week with 2 school trips - the children were amazing and we were told by staff that their behaviour was impeccable!

A big thanks to all of the parents who volunteered and helped us. Without you we could not make these memorable events happen.

We would also like to thank those parents helping with swimming.

You have had to work super hard this year and we are VERY grateful!

and wonder, so we have had lots of hands on activities for the children including exploring the best way to melt ice, make boats and make a kaleidoscope amongst other fun activities. As always, our young children continue to inspire us with their amazing ideas and perseverance.

Summer Celebration & May Queen crowning

This is one of our most valued traditions and it never fails to bring a tear to many eyes. Whilst we of course always want the day to go smoothly without any issues, we know that we often learn more about ourselves when we have to deal with a mistake or something goes wrong. We could not have been prouder of our leaders who managed every little hiccup with resilience and tenacity and showed us how good they are as a team. Well done!

Congratulations to **Rianna Orr** (our May Queen) and **Logan Barrell** (our Escort). As always the children did a good job of electing the peers who had excelled in upholding the school values.

We would also like to congratulate **Noah Hyett** and **Rosie Harden** for achieving the 'Stand Up, Stand Out' award for their efforts. You are all great examples of children making a difference through social action!

FONS members did a grand job of creating the perfect fete after the event and a great time was had by all.

Standing Up and Standing Out!

This week we also welcomed a visitor who taught the children about the importance of taking action and looking after the environment. It was an honour to welcome **Mikaela Loach** to our school, described by the guardian as, 'the rising star of the climate crisis campaign.' If you want to read more about her passion click the link below or even buy her book!

['It's my calling': Mikaela Loach, rising star of the climate crisis campaign | Environment | The Guardian](#)



Science Week

Following on from last year, our Newdigate children have enjoyed a really fun science week this week! Using the theme of 'Connections' each class has explored plants. Foxes and Owls considered the connections between the different parts of the plant and researched what a healthy plant needs to grow. They also enjoyed a lovely visit to Godstone Farm looking at how plants can feed the herbivores on the farm. Hedgehogs have looked at how different fruits and vegetables grow. It wouldn't have been science week without some STEM opportunities for awe

One of our Year 2 pupils, Evie K-V, took part in a 10k race for life for cancer research on Sunday 18th June. This was a cause that was close to her heart and has affected members of her family. We wanted to help her to raise more money for such a worthy cause, so are sharing the details below – it's not too late to donate!

Take care and enjoy yet another hot weekend!

Paula Bliss (Headteacher)

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/sarahsteam>

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	<i>Rescheduled Sports Day (in case of bad weather) pm</i>
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



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