



Friday 20th May 2022.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It has been lovely to have some wonderful weather this week to enable our children to truly experience the outdoor environment. As you all know, our outdoor area out of school hours has been out of bounds due to COVID but during this time we were advised that we needed to put further safeguards and risk assessments in place if they were to re-open outside of school time. School does not own the land that the school is built on and as this is land belonging to the Diocese we have had to check that use of the school grounds to our school community outside the school day is permitted. We have been assured that this permission will be granted with the proviso that we liaise more closely with our insurance company and the Health and Safety Team at NCC to develop new risk assessments, user agreements and potential signage so that users remain aware of the need to keep safe while on site, the school does not become damaged or is liable to any damage or accidents which may happen if it is open while unsupervised after school, at weekends or during holidays. I will be meeting with the Health and Safety team next week and our Buildings Committee of the Governing Body after that. We have also been given the go ahead for new play equipment to be installed during the half term holiday and therefore over the half term school grounds will be out of bounds and anyone on school site will be trespassing. I intend to support the Jubilee Party Committee and their picnic on the school field as they will have their own insurance and risk assessments in place. The picnic on the school field will also include some competitions: Best fancy dress (children). Best crown (children). Best Jubilee themed cake (open to everyone) and I believe there will be games for the children.

Please do not hesitate to continue to give positive feedback, or ideas in which we can improve to us either via telephone, email or in person at school. Also, please don't forget the wrap around feedback forms are due in by Friday 27th May.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Queen's Jubilee - Party in school

On Friday 27th May please can the children help us celebrate and :

Dress up - Wear clothes which are red, white and blue.

Have a street party- Rather like the Golden Jubilee party we had previously we hope to have our own 'street party' on the school playground by having a party buffet. School lunch will be provided on the day but please can every family contribute to our pooled party tea (please contact me directly if this causes an issue financially).

All children in Early Years - please bring a plate of something savoury.

All children in Class 1 - please bring a plate of something sweet.

All children in Class 2 - please bring in a plate of something savoury.

All children in Class 3 - please bring in a plate of something sweet. In addition to this we will be having a disco (in the village hall) during the afternoon for the children. End of day arrangements will continue as usual.

Support for our gardening resources request

It has been so lovely to see the continued support for our gardening provision in response to our letter last week requesting resources and a planned non school uniform day today.

We have been gifted compost, pots, seeds, plants and water butts to name just a few of the donated items as well as a £50 donation of equipment from Sainsbury's, Alnwick.

The work we have been doing with Year 6 and the Roots and Shoots programme at Alnwick Gardens has also been invaluable. Thanks also to everyone who donated Lets Grow Vouchers through Morrisons, we are encountering a few hitches with regards to claiming our equipment but hope to resolve this very soon.



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