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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronation Celebrations

Next week will be the coronation of King Charles. As a school, we would like to celebrate and mark this significant historical occasion. We will hold a 'street party' on the field/playground from 2pm - 3.15pm on Friday 5th May. Here is the key information you will need for the day:

- The children may wear red, white and blue coloured clothes or dress as a King or Queen for the day.
- The afternoon event will start at 2pm and parents/carers are invited to join us
- The children will perform songs/dance from the decades between the Queen and King's coronations
- There will be a gallery of work linked to the coronation
- Families can join their children for coronation themed craft/colouring and cake
- The PTA will provide refreshments and sell any cakes not being eaten by the children!
- We need as many cake donations as possible please. Please bring these to the school office from Thursday morning onwards.

If the weather doesn't appear to be on our side, we will let you know about any changes of plan as soon as possible.

Foundation Stage 'Stay and Play' Summer Term Sessions:

Next Sessions: Weds 17 May (2pm-3.15pm); Thurs 22 June (10.30am-11.45am); and Tues 18 July (10.30am-11.45am)

Our Foundation Stage provides a happy and nurturing environment in which Nursery-aged children are sensitively and expertly prepared for mainstream school and school life. If you have a child of pre-Nursery age we would love you to come along to see for yourself what makes our class so special: parents (or a responsible adult) are warmly invited to our 'Stay and Play' session, the next one of which is due to take place on Wednesday 17 May. The children will have a chance to play in the classroom or garden, and to mix with our current nursery children; an ideal opportunity for you to experience our Foundation Class, meet some of our staff and become familiar with the Foundation environment. We look forward to welcoming you and any friends you may know that would be interested too!

Yr6 Residential

We had a great week at St. George's House, Georgeham – the sun shone nearly every day and it didn't rain once. We have some great photos of all the activities such as archery, fencing, surfing, climbing and orienteering. The children all showed superb resilience in the seven-mile hike that we did on Wednesday, up and down hills and along the sand! The Year 6's are very excited to show their parents these pictures on Tuesday afternoon. The behaviour from the children was super and they coped brilliantly with being away from home. They were great fun to be with and used their resilience and perseverance to face new challenges on a daily basis along with making new friends from Bishops Tawton School! Well done Y6!

What about the staff?

A huge thank you to Miss Rushworth, Miss Dimmock and Ms Wildern for their hard work and commitment, enabling this residential to take place.

With tighter guidelines, risk assessments and greater pressure on staff it is even more of a commitment for them to give up their own time to take your children away but the gratitude of the children and the memory that is created makes it worthwhile for them.

While out with your children they put the children's safety and wellbeing first, with complete focus on them 24 hours of the day which means that you won't hear from them unless there is a concern...when the staff finally are able to stop in the evening they need to switch off and charge their own batteries ready for the next day, so please don't be offended that they have not had the time (or network) to upload photographs or send messages whilst 'in the moment' of the trip.

We are very lucky as a school and Federation that we have the dedicated staff to be able to offer these opportunities. Thank you, to them.

Mrs Smallwood

Class Photos: Tempest Photography

The links for each class were sent out earlier this week via email.

Term Time holidays

We still have a few holiday request forms coming into school. Please note that holidays during term time will **not** be authorised and you may be subject to a fine. Our [attendance policy](#) explains how education is impacted by missing school and what action the school will be taking to address persistent absence.

Dates

Term dates for 2023-2024 are now available on the [website](#).

Monday 1st May - Bank holiday

Friday 5th May 2pm-3.15pm – Coronation Street party

Monday 8th May - Bank holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III

Monday 29th May – Tuesday 6th June - Half Term

Wednesday 7th June - First day of second half term

Tuesday 27th June – Sports Day

Wednesday 19th July – Leavers Assembly

Friday 21st July - Last day of term