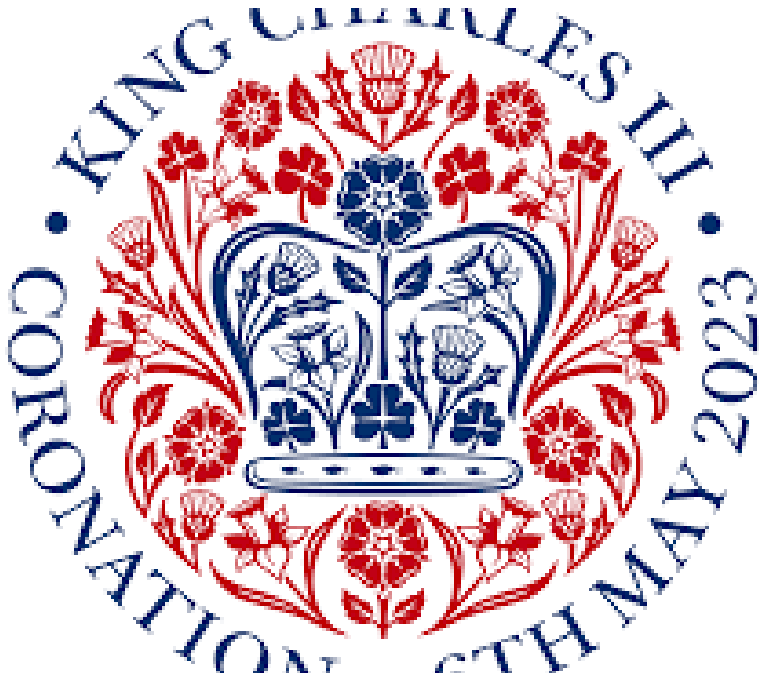


Sherborne St John CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2023



Message from Miss Jolliffe

It has been another great week in school; the children are all working so hard and it is lovely to be able to use all of our outdoor space now that we are getting a glimpse of some warmer weather.

We are all looking forward to our long weekend ahead; I hope that you have a chance to enjoy time together with friends and family.

Next Friday, we have our Coronation Celebration and you will start to see the bunting go up and our special flag flying by the office. Please take a look on Page 2 at the invitation to take part in our Coronation Competition.

I'd also like to remind you that we have recently sent out our parent questionnaire. If you haven't done so yet, please do take a few minutes to complete it.

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.
Miss Sarah Jolliffe

Can you help?

We are in the process of launching a new school website. We would love some high quality, professional photos of the school, staff and children at work to use on the website. Are you, or, do you know a photographer that would volunteer a couple of hours to take some photos for us? If so, could you please get in touch with Miss Jolliffe.

Coronation Celebration

The King has widely shared his appreciation of volunteers and they form a significant part of the Coronation events taking place in May. As a school, we will be celebrating our amazing network of volunteers in a special Worship being held in school on Friday 5th May.

Your child is invited to dress in red, white and blue for the day and we would like all children to bring a picnic lunch with blanket for our Garden Party. If your child has a school lunch, we are able to provide a school packed lunch for them.

We are looking forward to celebrating and thanking all those who give time to support our school.

School Association

The school association are looking for their next PTA chair, could this be you?

The chair leads meetings and steers the committee towards its aims. Sitting in the driver's seat, you should be highly enthusiastic, full of bright ideas and demonstrate good leadership skills.

For more information please contact the school association email: schoolassociation@ssj-school.co.uk or alternatively the main office and a member will get back to you.

Key Dates:

01.05.23: BANK HOLIDAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
 02.05.23: Class 2 closed- Strike action
 05.05.23: Coronation Celebration Day
 08.05.23: BANK HOLIDAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
 09.05.23-12.05.23: Year 6 SATS
 12.05.23: May Festival- 3.15-5pm: Class 3 performing
 19.05.23: Year R to QMC- more details to follow
 26.05.23: INSET Day
 29.05.23-02.06.23: Half Term
 05.06.23: Back to school
 07.06.23: Class photos

14.06.23: Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral- more details to follow
 16.06.23: Dress down day for Summer Fayre donations
 23.06.23: Sports Day- more details to follow
 24.06.23: Summer Fayre- 12-2pm
 17.07.23: Year 6 treat afternoon- details to follow
 18.07.23: KS2 production- 7pm
 19.07.23: Leavers' Church service
 19.07.23: KS2 production- 7pm
 20.07.23: Founders' Day- details to follow
 20.07.23: KS2 production- 7pm
 21.07.23: End of term- 2pm finish

Class 1 and 2

In Reception, the children have written their own booklets based on the song 'The Hairy Scary Castle'. They have created some very imaginative new settings and will be sharing their booklets with their Year 6 Buddies. In Year 1 and 2, the children have been dissecting different types of seeds to help make predictions about which may grow the tallest, quickest or which ones won't grow at all.

Class 3

With our May Festival taking place on Friday 12th May (3.15-5pm), our Class 3 children have been busy learning their Country Dance and Maypole Dance to perform to you all. There were a few tangled ribbons at first, but the children are really excited to perform to all of you on that afternoon and show you what they can do!

Class 4

In Class 4 this week, the children have been writing suspense stories. They have edited and re-drafted to ensure that they have the desired impact on the reader. Class 4's art project continues and today they are designing animals to be made from recycled materials. It is lovely when our learning links across different subject areas.

Art Competition

We would like to invite your child to create a piece of artwork of King Charles III. We are looking to display his portrait in the school and are hoping that over the next week, you could use pencil, watercolour, collage or any other creative medium to design a piece of artwork of the King.

Entries should be handed to Miss Jolliffe by Friday morning and we will share our winning entry as part of our Coronation celebrations.

Collective Worship



Galatians 5:22-23 'But the Spirit gives love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.'

This week we have learnt about Kindness.

We read 2 Samuel 9v1-8 and learnt that King David had been best friends with Jonathan and even when war tore them apart and Jonathan had died, David wanted to show kindness to his family. Here was his opportunity.

I wonder how you will put your faith into action this week and consider how to show kindness to others?