



May Newsletter

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Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 28th April Young Voices
Choir to Sheffield Arena

Monday 2nd May – School
Closed for Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd May – SHAPE Activity
Day (ALL Children asked to
come in school PE Kit)

Friday 6th May – Y5 Enrichment
VE day

Friday 13th May – Art Enrichment
Jubilee Portraits

Monday 15th May – Class Photos

Thursday 26th May (Last day of
term) – Platinum Jubilee Garden
Party (Non-uniform Day)

**Friday 27th May – School Closed
for half term and reopens on
Tuesday 7th June.**

9th & 10th June Y4 Geography
Fieldtrip

Tuesday 14th June – Y6 to
National Holocaust Centre & Y3
Dance Festival

Wednesday 15th June – Reading
Picnic with our infant partners.

Thursday 16th June – Y5 to Warner
Bros Making of Harry Potter

SPORTS DAY ARRANGEMENTS –
see item

Her Majesty The Queen has ruled for longer than any other Monarch in British history, becoming a much loved and respected figure across the globe. Her grandson, The Duke of Cambridge said, "I think I speak for my generation when I say that the example and continuity provided by The Queen is not only very rare among leaders but a great source of pride and reassurance."

Last year, our current children in years 4,5 and 6 took part in Jubilee workshops when they appeared to have a most enjoyable time learning through handling artefacts and making craft such as a Jubilee spoon. Building on this, children are learning the 'Platinum Jubilee Song' that we hope to perform during the celebrations this year.

Thursday 26th May will be a non-uniform day when children are invited to come in clothes suitable for a garden party to celebrate the commitment and service consistently demonstrated by our monarch. We ran a competition to design a Platinum Pudding and I'm delighted to let you know that Nelly's Pudding is our winner and we hope to make enough for everyone to have some during the party which will be for children only during the afternoon. Weather permitting, please send picnic blankets and any (not valuable) games suitable for playing on the blanket outside. Please don't send any devices or remote controlled toys. We'll have some garden games such as croquet and giant Jenga as well as music and singing too.

Year 4 Times Tables I attach a [link to a leaflet](#) from the Department for Education regarding the times tables check for year 4s from this summer. Whilst children will be prepared, we will not be presenting this as anything other than a routine part of their day / week. The game [Table Mountain](#) (www.interactive-resources.co.uk) and TTRockstars gives them a feel for the quiz. The information is for parents to keep you informed.

Year 6 Statutory Assessments These take place during the week beginning 9th May. The children complete a reading comprehension, maths arithmetic & reasoning, and a grammar & spelling assessment. Their teachers will prepare them well by revisiting aspects of the key stage two phase. This is the link to a parent leaflet produced by the DFE.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

SRE Consultation

Last year I issued a video sharing our curriculum for this aspect of our Health & Relationships learning. We implemented resources recommended by the local authority namely 'Clued Up for Growing Up'. Since then, we have moved to 'Jigsaw' for our Personal, Social and Health Education which also has SRE planned within it if we choose to use it. Before this decision is made, I'd like to look at the planning and resources with a working party of representative parents. If you are interested and may spare some time, please would you send a quick email to enquiries@brockwell-jun.derbyshire by 5th May with your availability and I'll aim to arrange a time that is mutually convenient. This would be much appreciated by both staff and other parents too. Once the working group has given feedback, I will share the content for each year group with you all and remind you of your right to withdraw.

[The DFE leaflet introduction is found here.](#)

Curriculum News

Teachers now issue much through Seesaw. However, our website is a good source of information about the different curriculum subjects and what is taught in each year group.

Our termly Curriculum News informs you of the key learning challenge questions for the term. It is for information (not additional homework!) and can be found on our website.

Teachers are currently updating the summer term Curriculum News after which I will add them to the year group pages of the website.

Year 6 & Year 2 Transition

Our secondary partners are now in touch and arrangements are being finalised for transition dates. The secondary schools contact parents directly with this information. Our teachers and SENCO will be sharing relevant information to support the best possible transition for your child. We'd like you to know that we are working with 7 secondary schools with different transition dates that span over four weeks. This has made producing an end of year assembly challenging. After much deliberation, we have decided to have the **Year 6 Leaver Assembly at 2pm on Monday 18th July** live in school and we hope to take **Y6 out on Tuesday 19th July** (tbc due to booking arrangements and more info to come). Brookfield have expressed much support for the children returning to school for these events.

Parents of Year 2 children have been issued with registration documents. We have several places in our new intake year still available so please get in touch if you have not finalised your child's junior place or if you anticipated a place but have not received a pack.

INSET DAYS 2022 - 2023

**May 27th 2022, June 6th 2022, July 22nd 2022,
September 1st 2022, September 2nd 2022, 31st October 2022, 22nd December
2022, 5th June 2023**

Young Voices 2022

This year was the 25th anniversary of the Young Voices Choir and we took 80 children and numerous members of staff to the event. Many of you came too forming the audience. I hope you had a fabulous time. The children performed their songs at Christmas as part of our Christmas presentation and have now performed as part of a huge choir at Sheffield Arena. Huge thank you to Mrs Summerbridge for being a big part of our journey once again and thank you to all the adults supporting the visit and teaching the children all the songs. It is a wonderful opportunity and will be something children remember proudly for a long time to come. Children, you were amazing and a joy to take – thank you. From next year – assuming the Young Voices continues – our aim is that this enrichment opportunity will be allocated to those in Year 5 with the music and singing forming part of their planned curriculum. Thank you once again to all involved.



music



SPORTS DAYS 2022

We noted last year that the style of Sports Day experienced by the children was better from their perspective than our historic one which, although is a wonderful spectacle, individual children spent the majority of the time waiting for their few events. The challenge of doing last year's (one afternoon per year group but all take part in all events) would be potential inconvenience for parents to attend school more than once. Having debated the pros and cons we've decided to try the following this year.

As year groups already are familiar with their Buddy Readers we are allocating one afternoon to Year 3 and 5 and another to year 4 and 6. Children are in colour teams (bibs provided by school) and they earn points that become collated to result in class, year group and overall school winners. We'll present these in school on the Monday following. It is a competitive style Sports Day where children can have fun and develop resilience and determination in a fun setting.

Year 3 & 5 Sports Day – 1.30pm Wednesday 22nd June

Years 4 & 6 Sports Day – 1.30pm Friday 24th June

Parents / family members are welcome to come and spectate from 1.30pm entering via the new entrance via the car park (we may open the gate from the path on the day too tbc). Parents are asked to remain on the bank and 'terrace' leaving all supervision of the children to school staff. Please send in PE kits with sun hats / water and cream as appropriate for the weather. Do let us know in advance if you or family members have any access needs.

Joint Summer Fair – Friday 1st July 3.30pm to 5pm hosted on the Infant Site
Non-uniform day on 17th June to support PFA with raffle prizes etc. More information to follow.