

Kingsfield Chronicle

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Ready, Respectful, Safe

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe that a half term has passed us by already! This has certainly been a busy half term and we have been pleased to see the continued improvements around school in relation to the building but also with the quality of learning opportunities on offer for children. We have seen our children make some very pleasing progress, particularly in their reading, and staff continue to work hard to support children to be ready for the next step in their educational journey. Well done to all children in Year 2 and Year 6 who have now completed their national Statutory Assessment Tests; results will be shared with the children's school reports on Friday 8th July.

This half term has also been an exciting one, with lots of extra-curricular activities many of which happened just this week. I would like to thank all the parents, carers, family members and friends who came out to cheer-on the children during their sports day on Wednesday. It was wonderful to have such a supportive audience and the children really valued all the encouragement. Our staff were very proud of the children's achievements and were struck by the perseverance and resilience shown throughout the day, particularly given the challenging and changeable weather conditions. I would like to thank all the volunteers from Cromwell College as well as our staff for their work to make the day a successful and enjoyable day for the children, but I would like to recognise the efforts of Mrs. Macneil in particular.

On Tuesday this week, we also enjoyed a wonderful performance from our school choir. Again, thank you to the parents, carers and family members who attended the performance. It was particularly lovely to see families and children, who were not directly involved with the choir, come to support this event. The children performed a number of songs from their repertoire with some children performing solos and duets. Thank you to Mr. Rhodes and Mrs. Bendzulla for their efforts with the choir.

This week we have marked the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a picnic for all children across school. Today Reception have also enjoyed a themed day about the jubilee; please see photos below. Later in the newsletter there is a summary of events taking place in Chatteris for families to be involved with. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 6th June.

Have a safe and enjoyable half term, including the jubilee festivities.

Mrs. Read

House Points

This week's points are:

Blue	904	Green	865
Red	990	Yellow	974

Well done to **Red Team!**

Weekly Awards

Well done to the following children:

Class	Star of the Week	Resilience Rock
RK	Jacob A	
RM	Logan F	
1B	Flossie B	All of 1B
1H	Kamile M	All of 1M
2R	Jayden H	Riley C
2C	Marco O	Maisie H
3DH	Kayden S	Noah O'H
3W	Bella B	Logan S
4C	Chloe F	Luca
4R	Iris R	Emily K
5P	Charly M	Aaron C
5S	Connor K	Annaliese S
6R	Alistair B	Vinny M
6T	Frankie B	Jack M

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5S Visit to Ferry Meadows

We went on a school trip to Ferry Meadows on Friday 20th May. We learnt about the lakes and rivers at Ferry Meadows and looked at the creatures that live inside them. Some of the creatures that we found were water boatmen, leeches and even little shrimps! We learnt about what they eat and even the creatures that eat them.

We all enjoyed the pond dipping because we found lots of creatures that are really rare. It was really fun when we measured the depth of the river. We even looked at how fast the river was flowing by throwing dog biscuits into the water which floated on the top.



We feel that this trip was very successful and has helped our education about rivers and life cycles. We hope that other year groups get to go on this trip when they are in Year 5.

Rosie and Ava, 5S

Celebrating Success

Well done to Mrs. Bendzulla who plays for the Chippenham Ladies Cricket Team. Last Sunday the team took place in a tournament with other local teams and managed to secure a joint first place victory.



We are keen to celebrate your child's successes from outside of school. Please let us know if you have something to share.

Attendance Reminder

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of children absent from school without having had contact from parents to let us know why. Our school policy states that parents should notify the school office of absence by 8.45am; this can be done in person, by email or phone, or by ParentMail.

If we do not know why your child is absent, the school office will email and phone you by 9.30am. If we are unable to make contact with you, we may carry out a welfare check and visit you at home to make sure everything is ok, or if you need any support.

May we also remind you that if your child needs to be absent from school for a medical appointment, you should show a letter or appointment slip to the school office in advance of the appointment. Any other time off school for holiday or events should be applied for using our Request for Leave of Absence forms which are available from the school office. If this has not been completed in advance, the absence could be deemed as unauthorised. If you have any questions about absence, please contact the school office for advice.

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Sports Day and Jubilee Picnic

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On Wednesday 25th May our whole school took part in our sports day, with children competing in their house teams. We were pleased to be able to run the event fully again after a two year break due to the pandemic. Having run the event again after the break, Mrs. Macneil and I have reviewed this year's event and have met to discuss how this can be further improved for next year.

While the weather was not as kind as

it could have been, we were pleased that the rain held off until the very last race of the day. The windy conditions certainly added complications with races involving equipment, but also enabled our staff to show off their gazebo collapsing skills! Thank you to all the parents who quickly volunteered to help us to take the parent gazebo down to keep everyone safe.

The children demonstrated some excellent sporting skills, with many of our children taking their opportunity to shine. We were also impressed to see the children showing determination and resilience as they faced the challenges of the day. It was great to see children supporting and encouraging each other and to see so many smiles on children's faces.

We are pleased to announce the results of both sports days:

	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
1st place	Red	Red
2nd place	Yellow	Yellow
3rd place	Blue	Blue
4th place	Green	Green



Congratulations to the **Red Team** for winning both events.

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Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Our week started with a whole-school assembly dedicated to the platinum jubilee and what this means for our country. Miss. Candish talked to children across the school about how the Queen became our monarch and what her job is in our country. She explored what a jubilee is and how this jubilee is being celebrated nationally, locally and in our school.

Unfortunately, due to the Great British weather, it was not possible for the children to picnic outside to celebrate the platinum jubilee on Wednesday as planned. However, the children did enjoy their lunches in their classrooms with their teachers, with many classes taking the opportunity to watch the Queen's coronation and to listen to the national anthem. Our catering staff really went to great lengths to reinforce the meaning of the events with food



being served in Union Jack paper bags and the lunches having a red, white and blue theme.

Yesterday, Reception enjoyed a themed jubilee day. The children came into school in red, white and blue clothing and learned all about the platinum jubilee and the Queen. Year 1, who have been learning about the Queen in their history topic, enjoyed a traditional afternoon tea with scones, jam and cream.

We hope that you enjoy celebrating the jubilee during the half term break. Please see below for a summary of the local events on offer.



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Community Events for the Platinum Jubilee

As the nation celebrates this momentous occasion, Chatteris has a number of free events for our community to attend and participate in.

Thursday 2nd June 2022 — Chatteris Parish Church Grounds

- 6pm Crowning of Midsummer Festival Prince & Princess
- 6.15pm Midsummer Festival Town Crier Competition
- 7pm Concert by Real Magic Queen Tribute Band in Church. Free Entry for All, funded by Chatteris Town Council.
- 9.30pm Chatteris Community Choir sings the jubilee song – A Life Lived with Grace – and the National Anthem
- 9.40pm New Town Crier gives the Proclamation
- 9.45pm Lighting of Beacon (part of nationwide chain)

Friday 3rd to Wednesday 8th June — Chatteris Parish Church

Flower Festival – in partnership with Chatteris in Bloom. The theme will be The Queen. The church will be open from 9am – 4pm every day. Free entry.

Refreshments, crafts, and plants for sale inside the church 10am – 4pm.

Saturday 4th June – Houses in and around Chatteris

Yard Sale . Proceeds to Community Defibrillators for Chatteris. For info email: teds.shed.events@gmail.com

Cricket Club – Chatteris First XI at home to City of Ely. Game starts at 1pm and is followed by music from local band 'Driver' and a BBQ. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 5th June — Chatteris Parish Church

11am Jubilee Civic Service. A service for uniformed organisations, Chatteris Community Choir.

Sunday 5th June — Streets Around Chatteris

Residents of various streets will be organising their own Big Jubilee Lunch celebrations.



Year 1 Phonics Testing

Following the half term break, Year 1 children will be assessed on their knowledge of phonics as part of the national testing programme. This week Year 1 parents were sent QR codes linking to some free resources for parents and children to use to practise their phonics over the half term break and beyond. We hope you are able to access these and find them useful to support your child's reading.

Diary Dates

New dates will be added weekly so please do read this section each week.

May 2022

27th - PD Day

30th - 3rd - Half term

June 2022

6th - Children return to school

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - 6R swimming

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - Year 3 swimming

8th - Sports Day back-up

9th, 15th, 23rd, 30th - 6T swimming

14th - Olympic and Paralympic Pentathlon Yrs 5&6

14th - New Reception Parent Information Meetings 2.30pm & 5pm

17th - 1H Class Assembly

17th - Year 4 Athletics Quadkids Event

22nd - Choir Performance at Chatteris Church

23rd - Reception visit to Old Hunstanton

24th - Year 5/6 Olympic and Paralympic Pentathlon Event - **new event**

25th - 26th - Chatteris' Summer Festival

29th - Year 6 transition day to Cromwell #1

29th - Meet the Teacher #1 **pm session**

July 2022

1st - RM & RK Class Assembly - **change of event**

5th, 12th - 6R swimming

6th - 5P visit to Ferry Meadows

7th, 14th - 6T swimming

13th - Year 6 transition day to Cromwell #2

13th - Meet the Teacher #2 pm session

14th - Year 6 production 6pm

14th - French Event

18th - Bikeability Year 6

20th - Celebration of Work

21st - Last day of term

21st - Leavers' Assembly

22nd - PD Day

Dates for the 2022-23 academic year:

Autumn Term Dates 2022

1st September – PD Day

2nd September – PD Day

5th September – Children return to school

19th to 21st September - Year 6 Residential Visit to Grafham Water

18th October 2022 - Individual photographs

24th to 28th October 2022 – Half term

20th December – Last day of term

21st December 2022 – PD Day

Spring Term Dates 2023

4th January – Children return to school

13th to Friday 17th February – Half term

20th February – PD Day

21st February – Children return to school

31st March – Last day of term

Summer Term Dates 2023

17th April – Children return to school

1st May – Bank Holiday

26th May – PD Day

29th May to 2nd June – Half term

19th July – Last day of term

Support for Families

As the cost of living continues to rise, we are aware that a number of families may be struggling to make ends meet. If you feel that you need some help or advice, please get in touch with Miss. Mills, Mrs. Read or contact the school office. All enquiries will be dealt with confidentially.