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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start our final week of this half term, we will be thinking in school about our wonderful Queen and her 70 years of devoted service to this country. Whatever your political view, you have to admire her steadfast, consistant and dutiful approach to her role. We will be having our school celebration on Friday afternoon, starting at 1.30pm rather than 2pm as I wrote in the previous newsletter. The weather looks fair on the current forecast. We hope lots of you can join us on the school field.

**Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebration – Friday 27th May**

Children should come to school dressed as kings or queens, or in red, white and blue to help us celebrate the 70 year reign of Queen Elizabeth. During the day, children will do jubilee-themed activities, then at 1.30pm we invite parents to join us on the field for a tea party and entertainment until the end of the school day.

Some cake and drinks will be provided by the PTFA, along with a Party entertainer and something nice for every child to keep. What we will need is picnic blankets. Please send one with your child if you’re not coming, or bring one with you if you are. We will have each class sitting in a designated area, you are invited to join the class of your child (or any one of them if you have more than one!). Bring a fold-up chair if you don’t want to sit on the ground, and dress in Red, White and Blue and bring flags if you can!

Don’t worry if you can’t make it, we will look after the chidren and have them ready to be picked up or put them on the bus at the normal time. Warrior Club will carry on as normal.

Please let us know if you can help with setting up at 10.30am on Friday.

**Change of drop off and pick up after half term**

Please see the message below about the change which will start after half term (on Tuesday 7th June as Monday is an Inset Day). We have decided that current Reception parents with babies in push chairs only will still be able to use the slope to access Reception for the remainder of this academic year.

*Now that things are getting back to normal, we are keen to stop using the car park area as a pedestrian entrance to school. We only started using it during the pandemic to keep cohorts apart. After the half term break, we will ask parents from Reception and Year 1 to use the side gate to drop off and pick up. Children can be sent through the side gate to walk to their classrooms, or parents can take them to the dorr at the back of the Hall (for Year 1s) or the Reception classroom door. Exit should also be through the side gate.*

**No Nuts please**

We operate a Nut-Free school for the safety of our children. Lunch staff have seen some products with nuts in them recently. Please be very mindful of this when selecting items for packed lunches.

**PTFA Colour Run – Sunday 19th June 9am-3pm on the Turnpike Showground**

Do come and join us for this exciting event for all ages and abilities.

Please click on the link below to purchase tickets <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/857700715>

**Sports Days**

We are very pleased to be able to have parents coming along to our sports days again this year.

The younger ones (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will have theirs on Monday 20th June from 1pm to 3pm. The older ones have theirs the next day, Tuesday 21st June from 1pm to 3pm.Children should come in PE kit that day, wearing a tee shirt of their house colour if possible. The older ones also have their field events during the morning of Monday 20th June, but this session is not open to parents.

House colours are:

St James – yellow

St Peter – red

St John - green

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

**TERM DATES 2021 – 2022**

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| Summer half term | Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022 |
| INSET DAY | Monday 6 June 2022 |
| Summer term ends | Friday 22 July 2022 |
| Summer holidays | Monday 25 July 2022 to Wednesday 31 August 2022 |

**TERM DATES 2022 – 2023**

Autumn Term

Inset Day Thursday 1st September 2022

Inset Day Friday 2nd September 2022

Children start back Monday 5th September 2022

Autumn Half Term Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October 2022

Autumn term ends Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas Holidays Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term

Inset Day Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Children start back Wednesday 4th January 2023

Spring half term Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Inset Day                                                         Monday 13th March 2023

Spring Term ends Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term

Summer term starts Monday 17th April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023

Summer half term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Inset Day                                                          Monday 5th June 2023

Summer term ends Friday 21st July 2023

Summer holidays Monday 24th July to Thursday 31st August 2023