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Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the new school term and the children have had lots of learning experiences along the way! There has been so much going on over this past half term with Eid celebrations, SATs taking place across both key stages, bikeability, recorder, step to the beat, homework and art club to mention but a few! Classes have continued to perform their assemblies and music concerts and more classes have had the chance to take part in visits related to their learning.

We have also enjoyed many special themed weeks such as Mental Health week and Shakespeare week as well as celebrations including the King's coronation where children created special artwork pieces, had a whole school picnic on the playground and a special assembly where they all sang the National anthem! With many more activities and events over the coming weeks and months please keep checking your e-mails and the school website for updates!

Can I remind you that as the weather turns warmer that all children have sun cream applied **before** coming to school to protect them from any harmful UV rays.

Finally I hope that you all have an enjoyable half term holiday and get the chance to have a rest.

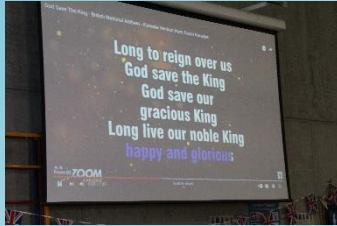
Mr Archer

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King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

On Friday 5th May we celebrated the King's coronation. All the classes created a portrait of King Charles using different media and we displayed some of these around the school as well as in the Elim Church Gallery for our community to see. We had a fantastic whole school picnic on the playground with a special Coronation Music soundtrack and lots of fun and games. In the afternoon all classes spent time looking at the history of coronations in Great Britain and we finished the day off with a special assembly where we all sang the national Anthem. A wonderful day was had by all!



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Eid celebrations

This half term, we have celebrated Eid in school with the children learning about Ramadan and the celebrations that follow. All the children have taken part in a variety of activities within their class and it has been wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm this has created during their learning.



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Bikeability

Level 2 Bikeability training took place for some of our pupils in Y5. Here's what Leon from H5 had to say about it:

The bikeability course was a lot of fun because it pushed me to improve my hand-eye coordination. I enjoyed learning how to perform a u-turn in the secondary position. We had to carefully look back, forwards and then back again and then ride down the road into the primary position. It was really challenging because there were cars on the road which made me feel excited and a bit frightened at the same time. The instructors, Andy and Dave, were really funny. By Leon (H5)

A huge well done to all the children who took part!



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B5 class Assembly

The class assembly was fun because everyone had at least two parts. It was exciting because we did actions and hilarious songs like 'Pick an Apple' and 'Petunia'!

Sophie

In the assembly, we talked about everything that we did at Whitemoor Lakes from activities to food. We also sang songs from the campfire which was fun!

Ibrahim

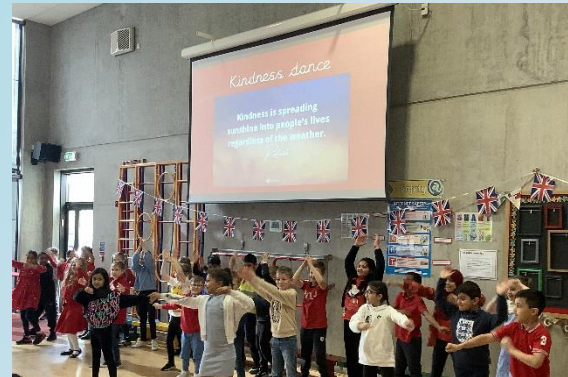


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J3 class Assembly

On Friday 28th April, J3 performed our assembly to our parents. We shared all the work we had done in the last few months. This included a dance and the Power In Me song that we had learnt in our violin lessons. We had so much fun and it was great to participate. **By Eiva J3**



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KS1 music performance

"I really enjoyed playing the beat on the drums for everyone else to stay in time with" – By Maham

"I enjoyed playing the keyboard with my partner. We were really good at playing the right notes at the right time for the song. I liked showing my mum and sister the sign language song that we had learned 'You are my sunshine'" – By Kacper



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J3 violin concert

Last term we learnt how to play the violin. In our lessons we learnt the letter names of the strings, how they make different sounds, how to hold the violin and use the bow. I enjoyed playing the violin in the concert. **By Ava J3**



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Phunky Foods



A HEALTHY LUNCH

This term we have been working closely with our partners at PhunkyFoods to showcase their Healthy Lunch message to the children. This message highlights the importance of choosing a healthy, well balanced school lunch; whether that's a hot school meal or a packed lunch brought in from home.

Good nutrition in childhood can help to prevent a variety of health problems, both in the short term and later in life. There is increasing concern that many children are consuming too much fat, sugar and salt and too little fibre, fruit and vegetables. School lunches can contribute to almost a third of a child's weekly food intake and therefore they need to be balanced and nutritious to make a positive contribution to a child's health. A healthier lunch will also encourage children to be calmer and more on-task and focused during the afternoon at school.

This term, Year 5 Ambassadors have delivered a whole-school assembly about the importance of healthy eating. They have also been looking out for healthy lunches and have handed out Phunky Face stickers as a reward for children who have been spotted with a healthy lunch. Let's keep up the great work!

You can find out more about the PhunkyFoods Healthy Lunch message, as well as their other healthy eating messages, at <https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/parent/a-healthy-lunch-parents-information/> Please do take the time to look at the website as the information is there to help you to support your child at home.

For healthy packed lunch ideas and recipes you can also visit:

https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes/?fwp_courses=packed-lunches

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

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Sports competitions

Netball

Y5/6

On Monday 15th May, there was a netball tournament at Shobnall Park against other schools. This was really fun because parents came to watch us. The people who played in the tournament were Muhib, Nalia, Lucas, Sawera, Rabia, Olivia, Andrei and myself. We played four games including a game in the semi-finals! We won two games lost one and drew one, I was goal defence. Everyone was so happy that we made it to the semi-finals and we got bronze medals. These tournaments and clubs are really fun and help to improve your health! By Aminah



Y3/4

At the netball tournament it was really hard, there were three schools and each school had two teams-Pickford, Christ Church and William Shrewsbury. We lost four games and drew 2 of them. and Christ Church's teams came 2nd and 4th. Everybody put lots of effort in and everybody loved it! By Yusra



Football

Some of our children took part in a football match against Victoria school. After some heroic defending from both sides it ended in a 0-0 draw. Well done to all those who took part!

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Farewell Mrs Whetton

After over 30 years service as a Lunchtime supervisor at Christ Church Primary School Mrs Whetton has decided it is time to retire and enjoy a well-earned rest. It was nice to be able to have her as our 'guest of honour' at our Coronation picnic event. She will be sadly missed but we hope she will come back to visit when she has time!



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Calendar dates

Summer Term 2023

Half term: Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

Summer Fayre - Friday 7th July

Sports Day KS1/EYFS- Tuesday 11th July

Sports Day KS2 –Wednesday 12th July

Sports Day Nursery - Tuesday 4th July

LAST DAY children in school – Friday 21st July

Inset Days (school closed): Monday 24th July

& Tuesday 25th July

Holiday: Wednesday 26th July – Friday 1st

September