



11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Dowson:



I wanted to give further information on our forthcoming celebration week so that you can join in with the children's excitement and plan to join us in a couple of the things we will be doing, should you wish and be able to.

Our celebrations to mark the Queen's 70 years on the throne will span across the whole of the last week of this half term, commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Every morning that week, we will gather on the Lower and Upper School playgrounds to sing the National Anthem before starting our school day. The children will form their class lines (and will know where to stand when the staff come out) and after singing be lead into their classrooms by the staff. It would be lovely for you all to join us in a patriotic start to the day!

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, the children will begin the week with a launch assembly all about the Queen and her reign, introducing some of the different elements they will be looking at across the week.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May is our 'Dress Down through the Decades' day, where each year group has been given a decade of the Queen's reign and they can dress in the fashion from those times or as a famous person or character from that time.

The decades assigned are:

Year 6 – the 50's

Year 5 – the 60's

Year 4 – the 70's

Year 3 – the 80's

Year 2 – the 90's

Year 1 – the 2000's

Nursery and Reception – 2010 to the current day

The children will learn about the decade they are dressed in during that day and look at the events that occurred, what the music and fashion was like and how things such as technology have changed. They will consider how life was different to theirs now. The children will all come together to parade their costumes in an assembly and hear about the different decades and changes over time on this day.

On this day, we will also be having a Jubilee celebration lunch – 'special dinner day' - which you can order via the survey sent today. Please complete the survey to indicate whether or not your child will be joining in, so that we can cater for the correct numbers. See the information on the survey for details of the meal on this day.



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Across the week, children will have the chance to bake a Great British classic such as the Victoria sponge or scones, draw, make a card or write a letter of congratulations to the Queen, create a piece of artwork in the style of a British artist through time and generally have lots of fun in showing our appreciation for such an achievement.

The week will culminate on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May when we hold a big, whole school 'street party' to celebrate the jubilee. This is where the children will wear their hat or crown that has been set as homework and I know you'll be busy creating marvellous masterpieces as usual! Remember, they can represent anything British, any time or anyone from the Queen's 70 years of being on the throne.

Weather permitting, the school will gather on Upper School playground at 2pm for cake, music, singing, fun and laughter with friends and we will parade our hats for all to see.

On this day, children in Nursery who don't usually stay all day, can do so if parents please let the team know via class dojo and send a packed lunch on the day for the children to have at lunchtime.

If any parents would like to see the street party and even set up a picnic rug on the field to join us at 2pm on that Friday, you are more than welcome. For logistical and safeguarding purposes, we will not be able to allow parents access to the playground to be with children but it would be lovely if you do want to be part of the atmosphere for you to come along and just enjoy seeing their enjoyment in action.

Obviously, if the weather does not allow us an outdoor celebration (and we really hope it does) we have alternative indoor plans and the children will still get to come together in their own buildings, wearing their hats and having the tea party, just not whole school together. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that this can go ahead as I know it is going to be a great extravaganza for children to remember for many years to come.

Children will all be given a commemorative Jubilee coin to keep as a memento to take home, courtesy of the school PTFA to round off what is set to be a great week in school. We will be sure to blog and share lots of the events occurring during the week so please keep an eye out for these posts so that you can share in the fun.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kathryn Thornburn  
Principal

