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JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

As you know, the country will be celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee at the beginning of June. The actual bank holiday and planned community/national events are during our half-term holiday.

Therefore, we will be celebrating the week before our holiday. During the week beginning the children will be learning about the different decades of the Queen's reign, including specific events in her life and what was happening in the UK. Each year group will be allocated a decade to base their work upon and will produce a two-minute video on what they have learnt. All the videos will be combined together and shared with the children in a special assembly. This will also be made available for parents/carers.

We will be having a **NON-UNIFORM DAY** on **Thursday 26th May** where children can wear red, white and blue.



We will also be having a **CROWN COMPETITION**. Similar to the decorated Easter egg competition, we are giving families the opportunity to create their own crown. Be as creative as possible. The children will bring in their wearable crowns on Thursday 27th May. There will be prizes for winners in each year group and also crown parade.

On the afternoon of **Thursday 26th May at 2pm**, we will be having a **FAMILY PICNIC** on the school field. You will be able to collect your children from their classes who will be on the field and then find a space to have a picnic together with family members. You can bring your own food, blankets or chairs. There will be hot dogs and drinks available to buy from the main hall and there will also be an ice-cream van. Those children whose parents/family members cannot attend will have their picnic with their class teacher. We will make sure that they have a great time with their friends. Further information, will be provided to these parents once we know who cannot attend. Please complete the form on this link to let us know if you or a family member can attend so that we can organise the event -

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?origin=NeoPortalPage&subpage=design&FormId=d4jtHygiS06il2-lgOU6N1K0aplgG7IFrvURkjRkWX1UMkiGTDE4UUU5NDqxMDIXTINPT1A2RVBSNC4u&Token=466e91d1d1e74b4298cf5ea6cb2cc692>

More information on the picnic is available on the form above.

Note: Thursday 26th May is the last day of the half term as school is closed to children on Friday 27th May as there is a teacher training day planned.

We are looking forward to our first large scale community event since the pandemic to celebrate an important moment in British history. Further information will be shared nearer to the event.

EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY

As I explained above, the extra bank holiday for the Queen's jubilee is during our half-term holidays. Therefore, all schools have been told to take an extra day holiday. We will be having ours on **Friday 1st July**. **Therefore, school will be closed on this day for everyone.**

MESSAGE FROM NEW FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

My name is **Gina Siggers**, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I am your new **Family Liaison Officer (FLO)** for Usworth Colliery Primary school, taking over from Marcus Dickinson.

In my role as Family Liaison Officer, I can be a listening ear and offer support, advice and guidance to parents/carers and families around specific issues you may appreciate support with. For example:

- **Being worried about your child's behaviour, at home or at school.**
- **Being worried about your child's emotional or social wellbeing.**
- **Support around adjusting to changes within the family home.**
 - **Helping them with anxiety and building self-esteem.**
- **Understanding involvement of Children and Young Peoples services.**
 - **Domestic abuse and the impact on the child.**
- **Support and sign post to more specific and targeted services in the local community.**

I liaise with all school staff, always in the best interests of the children and their families. I work impartially and confidentially and can provide a 'listening ear' if you ever need advice or support. I can also support you to develop skills and improve employability and will soon be providing opportunities to attend workshops and courses in school on a variety of subjects aimed at supporting family life.

As well as supporting children and families in my role, I will be supporting the school to promote good attendance. Therefore, if you are struggling to get your child into school, please contact me to see if I can offer you support and prevent any escalation.

If you want to contact me, please email or call the office and I will return your call or catch me on the main playground from 8:40 every morning. Please keep an eye on our school website for local information about groups and events which could support you and your child.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with you. *Mrs. Siggers.*

YEAR 1 – RED, WHITE AND BLUE DAY

Bonjour! Comment ça va? We have had a fabulous day in Year 2 learning all about France. We have used Google Maps to locate the UK and France and then created our own tricolour flags to decorate the classroom with. We've also had a go at building the Eiffel Tower out of Lego, listened to some French fairytales and even tasted some French delicacies. Look out for more photos on Twitter!

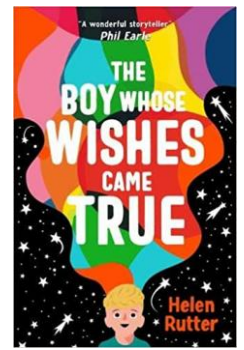


RECOMMENDED READS: NEW RELEASES

THE BOY WHOSE WISHES CAME TRUE BY HELEN RUTTER

A brilliantly funny wish-fulfilment story with a huge heart, from the author of one of 2021's most loved children's debuts, The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh. Archie Crumb is having a tough time. Picked-on at school, picked last for any team; his home has been sad and quiet since Dad left and his luck feels like its run out. But things start looking up when Archie bumps his head and literally sees stars: his favourite famous football player standing in front of him, granting him nine wishes. This is INCREDIBLE! Unlimited ice cream, a whole day of eating pizza and playing on the X-Box, revenge on the bullies, becoming the star player in a televised football tournament: finally, all his dreams can come true! Will Archie wish his way to happiness? Or will he realise that magic wishes may be wonderful, but only he has the true power to change his life?

Perfect for fans of Lisa Thompson, David Baddiel and Jacqueline Wilson.



THE BIG BATTERY HUNT

The Eco-warriors have joined the Big Battery Hunt which is a nationwide programme to inspire young people and adults to recycle more used batteries. All you need to do is send any used batteries – AAA, AA, C and D (no corroded ones please) to our school's recycling point in the office and we will count them as part of the Big Battery Hunt. The deadline for the count is the 10th June. If you're interested in finding out any more information, then go to www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk Mrs. Justice & the Eco-warriors

YEAR 6 INDIA DAY

On Wednesday, Year 6 took part in an India day to begin our new topic based all around India. The children learnt all about Indian climate, religion, clothing, housing, fauna and flora, the Taj Mahal, the Ganges, as well as take part in some food tasting. In the afternoon, we wrote postcards to people at home all about our trip to India and then composed some of our own Bollywood dances. All the children loved the day and are super excited to start the new topic!

Miss Sambrook and Miss O'Shea



DIARY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

MORE DATES TO BE ADDED OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed
Wednesday 4 th May	3CH trip to the Great North Museum
Thursday 5 th May	3RD trip to Great North Museum
Monday 9 th May to Thursday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 10 th May	Base to Riverside bowling competition
Monday 16 th May	Base to South Shield beach
Thursday 19 th May	Selected Year 5 & 6 for lawn bowling competition
Monday 23 rd May	Selected Year 5 & 6 for countdown cricket competition
Wednesday 25 th May	London trip meeting for parents (Year 6) 5pm
Thursday 26 th May	Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school (non-uniform, assembly & family picnic)
Friday 27 th May	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
MONDAY 30th MAY – FRIDAY 3rd JUNE – HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 6 th June	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 7 th June to Thursday 9 th June	Edinburgh Zoo trip for reception
Wednesday 8 th June	Selected Year 4 to skipping festival
Thursday 9 th June	Selected Year 3 & 4 to Quadkids athletics competition
Friday 10 th June	Selected Year 5 & 6 for countdown cricket competition
Tuesday 14 th June	Class and team photographs to be taken
Thursday 16 th June	1JB to Rising Sun country park
Friday 17 th June	1EH to Rising Sun country park
Monday 20 th June	Base to the Great North Museum
Wednesday 22 nd to Thursday 23 rd June	London theatre trip – Year 6
Thursday 23 rd June	Selected Year 5 & 6 to orienteering festival
Wednesday 29 th June	4RB trip to Newcastle
Thursday 30 th June	4EP trip to Newcastle
Friday 1 st July	School closed – day taken for extra bank holiday for platinum jubilee.
Monday 4 th July	4RB to Eden Camp
Wednesday 6 th July	Selected Year 3 & 4 for countdown cricket competition
Thursday 7 th July	4EP to Eden Camp
Wednesday 13 th July	1EH to George Stephenson museum
Thursday 14 th July	Selected Year 5 & 6 to girls' football festival
Friday 15 th July	End of Year Reports to parents
Friday 15 th July	1JB to George Stephenson museum
Monday 18 th July	Moving Up Morning – children spending the morning in new classes
Tuesday 19 th July	Whole School Presentation Event
Wednesday 20 th July	Optional parent/carer meetings, if requested to discuss reports (3pm to 5pm)
Friday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10am
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of school year 2021/2022
Friday 22 nd July to Tuesday 6 th September	SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Monday 5 th September	TEACHER TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 6 th September	School open to children

DOJO POINTS

Check out our dojo/house point counter at <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/children/house-point-counter>. Children are awarded points throughout the week for following the Colliery Code. This week's classes with the most house points are:

1st – 5SMM 2nd – 2CB 3rd – 3RD

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Club Leader	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Construction Club	Mrs Jones	All	The Base
Monday	Crazy Crafts	Mrs Kaur	3-6	Art room
Monday	Little Kickers	Mr. McVittie-Mathews	1-2	Hall/Field
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Steel/ Mrs Prosser	3-6	The Base
Tuesday	Mini-movers	Miss Held/ Miss Scott	R-2	Small Hall
Tuesday	Running club	Mr Wright	3-6	Hall/Field
Tuesday	Wellbeing Worker Bees	Mrs Hickey	2-6	Breakfast room
Thursday	KS2 Football club	Mr. McVittie-Mathews	3-6	Field

TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: **@TStarKS1_UCPS** or **@TStarKS2_UCPS**. They also appear on **@UCPrimary** and on **our website Twitter feed**

Mr Gary Wright

Headteacher