

## Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Since the last newsletter, we have had a lovely couple of weeks in school. Last week, we celebrated World Day for Cultural Diversity and this week we have enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our School Council have been very active in the last week, organising events and some members from Upper Key stage 2 have represented Two Village at meetings/events. We still have lots to look forward to next half term, which is set to be a busy but exciting end to the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families an enjoyable extended bank holiday next week. We hope you all enjoy the Jubilee celebrations and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events

On Wednesday we enjoyed a wonderful day celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We started the day with an assembly about the Platinum Jubilee, led by the School Council. Children across the school all looked wonderful in their special clothes and enjoyed carrying out different Jubilee related activities during the day. At lunch time the children enjoyed a street party style picnic lunch and after school we held our special Jubilee celebration event, which was a real success, despite the change in the weather. Thank you to everyone for attending the event and for helping us to celebrate. As well as having a lovely afternoon, we managed to raise £306, which is fantastic!



Congratulations to Simran from Maple Class who was the winner of our design a flag competition.



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### Reading Race

Last term, we had a small number of children who read some of the books in our Reading Race and we are hoping that more children will be able to achieve this during the Summer Term. We realise that for some children, independently reading some of the books from the list for their year group may be challenging. The reason for providing the lists of books for each year group is to develop the children's love of reading, widen the breadth of their reading and expose them to high quality texts which include a wide range of vocabulary. With this in mind, we would like to confirm that children do not have to read the books on the lists independently. The books can be shared with the children in whatever way works best for them. It would, of course, be great for the children to develop their reading skills by reading some or all of the books themselves but this does not have to be how the race is completed. Children hearing an adult reading all or part of a high quality text will still go a long way to developing a child's love of reading, as well as improving their independent reading and broadening their vocabulary.

### Book Recommendations

This term, we are inviting children to recommend books that they have read so that other children in the school can enjoy them. If your child has read a book that they have really enjoyed recently, we would encourage them to write a short review and hand it in to Miss Herbert or the School Office. These will be collated and shared in school and on newsletters. Templates for reviews are available in classrooms.

### United in Diversity Event

On Tuesday, 6 members of the School Council attended *United in Diversity* which was an incredible event held at Braxted Park. This was organised by the Multi Schools Council and was attended by 38 schools from all over Essex. During the day the children heard from a wide range of speakers. Both children and adults spoke about diversity with some sharing their own personal stories of how their differences had impacted upon their lives. They also had the opportunity to explore a range of inclusive activities.



### Name Change

Thank you to everyone who has submitted responses during the consultation on changing the name of the school. We have not had a huge number of responses but have had some interesting views shared. We are now asking all parents/carers to vote, using the link below, on whether they are in favour of changing the school's name and whether they are in favour of the name St. Michael's. Voting will close at midday on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June.



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<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=A3gsKI9LvU-jhBaC30fjrZc7-mUSnVpJhCaNyTAWHNIURFizQkg3WDVXU0FEMUIXQjhITUJER0UyTS4u>

## Garden of Curiosities

Thank you so much to everyone who has already contributed to our Garden of Curiosities project. We can't wait to start work on this once we have everything that we need. If you feel that you could help in any way to develop our Forest Garden or any other outdoor areas around the school, we would love to hear from you.

## Two Village Friends

The members of the existing Two Village Friends (TVF) met with Mrs Bennett last week to discuss the future of the school's PTA. The existing members have supported the school for a number of years and now feel that, due to other commitments, they are unable to continue in their roles. Other parents/carers were invited to attend last week's meeting if they were interested in joining the TVF but very few people expressed an interest in this. At the meeting, after much consideration, it was eventually decided that, rather than dissolve the TVF at this point, a little more time would be given for other parents/carers to come forward and offer to take on key roles within the TVF. Another meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 3.10 pm** where a final decision will be made about the future of the TVF. If there are enough people offering to join the TVF and take on some of the key roles, the existing members are very happy to support a new team and the TVF will be able to continue to organise events and raise much needed funds for the school. However, if there are not enough people to form a new committee, the TVF will sadly have to dissolve. If you are interested in supporting the TVF or/and taking on a key role on the committee, please do try to attend the meeting in June, if at all possible. If you would like to be involved but cannot attend the meeting, please speak to Mrs Bennett or send a letter to the school explaining how you would like to help. Minutes from last week's meeting have been sent out to all parents/carers today.

Positions that must be filled to ensure that the TVF can continue are Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. In addition to these key members, other people will be needed to organise and support at different events throughout the year. The more people that are involved, the less work it is for everyone so the more the merrier!

## Progress Celebration Assembly

This week we held our first Progress Celebration Assembly. During this special assembly, three children from each class received a certificate for the exceptional progress that they had made in a particular area of the curriculum. Parents/carers joined us for this special celebration event and it was lovely to share the children's successes in this way.

## Mrs Brundle

On Wednesday, we said goodbye to Mrs Brundle for a while as she began her maternity leave. We will all miss her very much while she is not with us but can't wait to meet her baby when it arrives.

## Mrs Hazell

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Hazell's little boy, Zachary, was born last weekend. Mrs Hazell is thoroughly enjoying being a new mum. Zachary is adorable and we can't wait for him to visit.

## Mrs Coleman

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Coleman to our team for the rest of the academic year. She will be teaching Silver-Birch Class until the end of the term to cover Mrs Hazell's maternity leave. Mrs



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Coleman will be holding a Meet the Teacher meeting for parents/carers on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 pm.**

### School Games Mark

We are thrilled to announce that we have recently been awarded the Silver School Games Mark. This is a step up from our previous bronze award that we received several years ago. Thank you to Mr Cornell for his hard work on this.



### Parent/Carer Forums

On 19<sup>th</sup> May we held our first Parent/Carer Forum of this year. Unfortunately, this was not as well attended as we had hoped it would be but we would like to thank everyone who came to this meeting. The minutes from this meeting will be sent out today. We appreciate that not everyone can attend a meeting during the afternoon, due to other commitments, but we would love to see more parents/carers next half term. In order to help us to plan the best time to hold our Parent/Carer Forums in the future, we will be inviting all parents/carers to complete a short survey to indicate what time of day would suit them best. We will then explore the possibility of trialling a different time for our next meeting.

### Terracycle

As you will have read in previous newsletters, we are an official Terracycle drop off point and we now have several recycling boxes in the front entrance of the school, which we would love to see being used more. We have collected a fair quantity of Babybel packaging but would love to have enough packaging to send a box off for recycling. Our Colgate recycling box is still empty and (understandably due to recent recalls) our Kinder recycling box is also empty. If you usually have packaging for any of these items at home, we would encourage you to save this and bring it into school to place it in the appropriate box. We will then be able to send this off and receive Terracycle points for our school. After half term, the LOL and Hasbro Toys recycling bins will also be available at the front of the school.

### Key Stage 2 End of Year Performances

Please note the change in times of the Key Stage 2 performances next half term. Unfortunately, some children will be attending their transition visits to their new school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> so will not be able to perform during school hours. We did not want them to miss out on performing so have changed the performance on Wednesday to an evening performance. There will be an afternoon and evening performance on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### Non Pupil Day

Please note that after the May half term break, there will be a non pupil day on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.**

### Healthy Lifestyles Week

We will be holding a Healthy Lifestyles Week during the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> June. Mr Cornell and the rest of the Healthy School Team at Two Village have been busy planning events for this week and look forward to sharing more details about this with everyone soon. During this week, Sports Day will be held (on 23<sup>rd</sup> June). Key Stage 1 Sports Day will take place during the morning and Key Stage 2 will take place during the afternoon. Parents/carers are invited to attend this event and may also bring a picnic to share with their child/children during the lunch hour between the two events.

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### Poetry Recital

Our Poetry Recital class heats are fast approaching. Hopefully, all of our children will now have chosen a poem to recite and will be practising for their performances after half term. Once finalists have been chosen, parents/carers will be notified and invited to attend the grand final in Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. If your child is finding it difficult to find the right poem or needs any support, please speak to their class teacher who will be able to help.



### Disco

Miss Thompson has been busy planning the disco for next half term. Please look out for flyers about this which will be sent home soon.

### Reading Challenge

Please see the results of the Reading Challenge for this half term below.

Congratulations to Hazel Class for winning the Reading Challenge this half term. It is fantastic to see so many children reading so regularly in this class.

	Silver Birch	Holly	Maple	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 18/4/22	43%	40%	81%	38%	80%	76%
WC 25/4/22	34%	45%	50%	38%	81%	62%
WC 2/5/22	51%	43%	67%	71%	92%	79%
WC 9/5/22	51%	43%	67%	71%	92%	79%
WC 16/5/22	59%	59%	82%	43%	91%	SATs

### Class Attendance Tracking

	Silver Birch	Holly	Maple	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 18/4/22	98.2%	98.8%	96.7%	98.8%	100%	94.7%
WC 25/4/22	94.9%	96.5%	93.2%	95%	96.3%	93%
WC 2/5/22	100%	91.8%	97.7%	91.7%	99%	96.8%
WC 9/5/22	92.4%	93.9%	94.1%	96%	95.3%	100%
WC 16/5/22	96.6%	96.6%	97.9%	96.8%	95.4%	91.5%
WC 23/5/22	96.2%	90.7%	93.3%	91.6%	92.2%	92.9%



Mrs Natasha Bennett

Headteacher

### Diary Dates 2022

Date	Event
Week commencing 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Children return to school for the second half of the Summer Term
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Silver Birch Meet the Teacher meeting - 2.30 pm
WC 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Healthy Lifestyles Week
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Sports Day – Key Stage 1 – 10.30 am and Key Stage 2 – 1.30 pm



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	Lunch <b>12.00 – 1.15 pm</b>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Poetry Recital Final
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Year 6 visit to HDHS
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	<b>KEY STAGE 2 PERFORMANCES</b> <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - 6.00 pm</b> <b>Thursday 1.45 pm and 6.00 pm</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Last day of term Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	<b>Non Pupil Day</b>