25 April 2023

Dear Parents,

**King Charles III Coronation**

Staff have been working hard to finalise the plans for the Coronation celebrations the week commencing 2nd May. The whole school will celebrate together in the following ways, with activities and competitions for children to get involved in at home!

**Wednesday 3rd May**

**Dance workshop**

We are extremely pleased to be welcoming “West End In Schools” back to school for each year group to take part in a specially designed dance workshop linked to the Coronation. This workshop has been funded part by the PTA and part by school – thank you PTA!

**Thursday 4th May**

**Coronation lunch**

As per previous emails- the kitchen will be preparing a special Coronation lunch. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 and those in receipt of free school meals will not be charged for this.

**Friday 5th May**

**Dress your Best**

Children are invited into school in non-uniform, but with the theme of “Dress your Best” – think royal garden party, meeting the king or attending the real coronation!

**Morning Assembly**

The whole school will come together to join in a special assembly led by Mrs Walsh. The children will also perform the song “Come and Join the Kings Parade” that they have been rehearsing in class.

**Create A Crown Fit For A King**

We are also holding a competition to design and make a crown fit for the royal occasion! We're inviting all children to get as creative as possible.  A 'crown parade' will take place and 2 winners will be selected, 1 from KS1 and 1 from KS2. Please wear them on the Friday and the winners will announced in the morning assembly.

**Afternoon Garden Party**

During the afternoon the children parade out onto the field and then will be participating in various garden-party games. Older classes will be paired up with younger classes to share this experience. After the games, the children will enjoy their party snacks (brought from home) on the field; or in the classroom in case of poor weather. Please send your child to school with a named plastic container containing no more than 3 “afternoon tea” style snacks. Suggestions include a finger sandwich, cake/biscuit and piece of fruit.

**“The Big Help Out”**

Through the week each class will take part in a volunteering activity either around school or in the local community. Children from across the school will be volunteering to replant the school village planter (outside Waitrose). They will be selecting bee and pollinating friendly plants to support the King’s commitment to environment. They will also decorate the planter with an AECPS plaque.

We would also like to encourage children to think further about the idea of volunteering, and so each child will come home with a slip to be filled out at home as they volunteer their time to help others around them. Suggestions include washing the car, helping neighbours, friends and family, or volunteering in the community. Any child that returns their slip completed and sends in a photograph in to school will be added to our special volunteers list that will be framed and displayed in school to commemorate the Coronation. We hope this will help instil in our children the importance of giving time to support others.

We are looking forward to these celebrations and hope it will help to mark the occasion and make the Coronation memorable for all.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Platt