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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 21st April 2023, WEEK 1

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We are now on the final stretch of the year and we look forward to working with you to make it a really successful one.

Hooke Court

I'm not sure if you have had the chance to view Twitter this week, if so you will have seen the fabulous photographs of the Year 5 residential to Hooke Court. The children have had a ball and have been immersed in a rich cultural experience. My thanks go to the staff team who give up their valuable time to keep the children safe and happy.

The King's Coronation

With such an exciting occasion coming up shortly we want to let you know our plans: We will be holding a celebratory Church Service on Friday 5th May. The whole school will come together to mark this historical event through dance, song and poetry. Sadly, we fill the church to the rafters without parents in attendance, so we aim to film it and send it out to you afterwards.

The children will be gifted a commemorative medal which has been partially funded by our trustees; our thanks go to them for their contribution.

On **Wednesday 3rd May** children who have school meals will be eating a special Coronation lunch. *If your child has a packed lunch and you would like them to have the Coronation lunch please complete the link below **by 11am on Monday 24th April 2023**. We have to provide Caterlink with numbers so that they can order extra food and therefore cannot accommodate late requests:*

Please note that if your child has a special menu or any allergies, Caterlink is sadly unable to accommodate them. PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY HAS SCHOOL LUNCHES!

<https://forms.gle/xPgJDztZnjc66ERY8>

A copy of the menu is attached to this newsletter for your information. The "Glamorgan sausage" is vegetarian.

OTHER NEWS

Upcoming strikes

Please keep an eye out for an email regarding the upcoming strike days.

Connected Planet Foundation Invitation

We work closely with this Foundation in our support of Nourish. An invitation has been extended to the children to join a lovely weekend activity which you may be interested in because it is being run by our very own Kevin Morgan of Willow Wood, see the link to book a place below:

<https://www.connectedplanetfoundation.com/s/o/93OUT9oD5?languageTag=en&cid=d135d1a9-7766-4058-a40f-ff597a113f68>

Messages from Richmond's Education Safeguarding Coordinator

UK Emergency alert to all mobile phones on Sunday 23rd April at 3pm

Some survivors of domestic abuse have hidden mobile phones and they will not want the alert to sound. Emergency alerts and severe alerts can be switched off in settings.

iPhone guide to opting out is [here](#)
Android guide to opting out is [here](#)

Summer is coming

It is hard to imagine it might be hot soon, but freak hot weather could just be around the corner so please talk to your children now about water safety. This RNLI water safety information contains lots of resources to share: [water safety information](#). There are certain places on the river, Teddington Lock and around Hampton Court where young people jump in the river in hot weather. This video from the leader of Richmond council calls on everyone to explain the dangers to them [video](#). It references the [sad fatality](#) of a 14-year-old boy in Hampton last summer. Let's keep all young people safe in and around the river this summer.

Weekly attendance: w/c 17th March 2023

Well done to Year 5 for reaching 'The Golden Goal'- the highest attendance this week and to Years 3 & 5 for no lates!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	1	97.81%
Year 1	7	94.87%
Year 2	2	94.49%
Year 3	0	97.54%
Year 4	2	97.78%
Year 5	0	98%
Year 6	2	94.74%
Whole School	14	96.46%

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear Lord, we are so grateful that you have helped us share love around the school. Please guide us through tough times so we can expand our knowledge. Help us to remember our St Mary's values. We appreciate our amazing school teachers and our super classmates. Please help our friendships grow. Amen. *Olivia L 6C*

Yours sincerely



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