





Dear Families

Coronation Afternoon 5 May: It was wonderful to see families in school and joining in the learning with the children about the Coronation of King Charles III. The children have been full of stories about the events of the weekend – definite memories to last a life time! Can I thank **Friends of Brookhurst School PTA**, for providing the refreshments. The Coronation Cake Sale raised £203.80 and again a big thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 SATS Tests: This week we have been so impressed, but not surprised by the excellent attitudes shown by our wonderful year 6 children in the end of key stage 2 SATS tests. Once again, the content of the tests were very challenging and I'm sure you have seen reports in the press about this. The children have had to work under exam conditions, likened to that for GCSE's. At such a young age, they have shown perseverance and positivity. The results from these tests are published and only provide a 'snap-shot' of the children and their time at Brookhurst over the last seven years. I can reassure you, that the children and our school has much more to offer, than merely the outcomes of some random tests in punctuation, grammar and spelling, reading, arithmetic and reasoning in mathematics.

School Staffing: I have received notification from Mrs Potter that she has decided to resign from her teaching post at Brookhurst. Mrs Potter has been a teacher at Brookhurst for almost all of her thirty year teaching career. I am aware that Mrs Potter taught many of our parents who attended the school. We will be holding a special assembly and Mrs Potter is going to be the 'head judge' in 'Brookhurst Has Got Talent' on Friday 26 May.

'Brookhurst Has Got Talent': In line with the Eurovision, our House and Vice-Captains are organising this extra special event. There will be auditions starting next week, before the Grand Final. Here, the successful acts will perform in the Final to the whole school. Unfortunately we will not have space for families to come and watch.

School Attendance Matters-We aim for 100% our target is 98%. Foundation 2 = 95.8%, Year 1 = 97.4%, Year 2 = 99.6%, Year 3 = 100%, Year 4 = 98.7%, Year 5 = 85%, Year 6 = 98.7%. Overall school attendance 96.6%. Well done to Years 2, 4 and 6 who achieved over 98% and especially Year 3 who achieved 100% Our best ever achievement!

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There has been an increasing request for holidays during term time. These requests are forwarded to the Local Authority, who I have been told, will be issuing fixed-penalty notices.







'Magic Moments'

F2 – Following the King's coronation the children in F2 discussed what they would do if they were the King or Queen for the day. They learnt all about the 'magic' of green screen. The green screen was used to place them at Buckingham Palace, on the royal balcony or in the throne room and they were videoed saying what they would do if they were King or Queen.

Year 1 – Year 1 have started their new book 'Six Dinner Sid' and enjoyed thinking about what it would be like to have six dinners every day. They have also been to do a traffic survey as part of their local geography topic.

Year 2 – Learned all about the "Father of Modern Art", Paul Cezanne and practised studying and sketching fruit in preparation for their own still life paintings

Year 3 – We have created a 3D model of a Roman villa using much teamwork and cooperation this week. Some children have erupted their own volcanoes too. They have been weighing food products measuring in grams and kilograms managing not to eat the chocolate. Those finishing Forest School this week made their own smores around a fire.

Year 4 – We have been learning about Eurovision as part of our geography work about Europe and with it being hosted so close to us. We found out that Eurovision started to attempt to improve relationships in Europe after World War II and that Ireland have won the most times.

Year 5 – We have been thinking about our Explorer in our 'Read to Write' lessons this week. We have had the chance to interview our character. By doing this it has allowed us to better understand our character. Using our new knowledge of the Explorer we have written some fantastic Kenning Poems about them.

Year 6 – Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed thoroughly their special pizza delivery at the end of the week to celebrate the completion of their KS2 SATs. The children have approached them with a positive attitude and a pizza lunch was a great way to conclude the week. Year 6 have also enjoyed researching renewable and non-renewable forms of generating electricity as part of their science work this week. They looked at wind, solar and hydroelectric energy and compared them with energy generation methods involving coal, gas and oil.

Safety Helmets: Please can all children who come to school on a bike or scooter please wear a safety helmet. From next Monday 15 May, any child arriving to or leaving school without a fixed safety helmet, will have a phone call home for the bike to be collected.

Warmer Weather (fingers crossed): Please can all children have sun screen protection applied before coming to school and access to a hat and drinking bottle.

Kind regards

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AND FINALLY...... Thank you to all the school families who completed the online parent questionnaire. We will be sharing the results with you before the end of this half term.

Ready, Respectful and Safe





