



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

Welcome back after the holidays! I hope that everyone had a lovely Easter break; the weather was kind to us.



We are planning a week of activities to celebrate the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. These celebrations will commence on the week beginning 23rd May.

We are also going to be selling a school tea towel, which you can purchase to help support funds for our new library area. The tea towels are to celebrate the Queen's jubilee and all of the children have drawn a small picture of their face to go onto the tea towel. More details for ordering these will follow in a letter next week.



On Friday 27th May, there will be a **crown competition** and the child who has made the best crown in each year group will win a prize. Children are encouraged, if they wish, to create a crown at home and bring it on Thursday 26th May

We will also be holding a whole school street party (on the field for the children) on Friday 27th May; they can bring in a small picnic to have on that afternoon. The children can come to school in non-uniform; they can wear red, white and blue clothes.

On another day of this week, parents will also be invited in for a cake and a song with their child's class (dates to follow) and we are planning on many more activities including having an artist in residence during this week. We will keep you informed of all that we are planning for the children.

Open evening: we would like you to welcome you into the classrooms to **look at your child's books**. We are inviting half a class at a time to give you space to look at the books with your child. We have 2 dates available (7th or 8th June at 3.30- 4pm). You will be receiving a letter from your child's class teacher with your specified date.

Year 4 parents: we have been liaising with the local middle schools about transition. If your child has been allocated a place at a local middle school in September, they are planning transition events for the children this term and a meeting for parents. They will be informing you of important dates soon.

NEW beginner music groups for all Come and try LIFT OFF!

Lift Off! music groups are perfect for any children and young people who want to play a musical instrument in a group.

The groups are informal, fun and FREE, providing an opportunity for anyone from beginner up to grade 1 standard to come along and have a go at creating music with others.

No musical experience needed, children just need to come with their instrument.

Bromsgrove Lift Off!

Wednesdays - 11, 18, 25 May and 8, 15, 22 June, 5 – 5.45pm

The Orchards School, Perryfields Road, Bromsgrove, B61 8QN

For more information and to sign up visit: severnarts.org.uk/lift-off



Summer WATER SAFETY

Drowning accidents are always especially high in the summer months and over the last few years we have heard of too many tragedies that could have been avoided.

Every year people drown both at home and on holiday because they don't take simple precautions, so reaching people with water safety messages is vital.

We want people to enjoy the water safely. Please help to avoid another tragic summer this year by spreading the following water safety advice far and wide:



LOOK OUT FOR LIFEGUARDS

If you're looking for a place to cool off, always find a lifeguarded swimming site



IT'S COLDER THAN IT LOOKS

Water at open and inland sites is often much colder than it looks. Cold water can affect your ability to swim and self-rescue



DON'T GO TOO FAR

Always swim parallel to the shore, that way you're never too far away from it



IT'S STRONGER THAN IT LOOKS

Currents in the water can be very strong. If you find yourself caught in a current – don't swim against it – you'll tire yourself out. Stay calm, swim with the current and call for help



BRING A FRIEND

Always bring a friend when you go swimming so if anything goes wrong, you've got someone there to help



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ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

CALL 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



Enjoy Water Safety

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills. Visit www.rsls.org.uk



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Esme - super writing. Atticus - great maths.
Goslings	Mollie - super ideas and effort with writing. Henry - being incredibly helpful without needing to be asked.
Caterpillars	Joshua D - working hard at his reading skills. Emily L - having great focus in lessons.
Dragonflies	Jaxon - trying hard in all lessons. Shahnoor - super writing about Africa
Owls	Sam - working really hard and showing super focus in all of his lessons. Alice - great enthusiasm, particularly in Maths.
Hedgehogs	Noah R - fantastic enthusiasm in the classroom. Harlow G - hard work doing her maths calculations.
Sharks	Logan H - really improved focus in lessons. Kaius G - working so hard with is writing.
Dolphins	Cameron A - consistent hard work, setting an excellent example to others. Nicole F - fantastic effort in Maths this week
Jaguars	Josh - super ideas about graffiti art and Banksy. Harley - great ideas for her plan of the King of the Fishes.
Tigers	Ava W - being a Times Table champion and learning her 9 times table. Georgia H - writing a brilliant opening to her version of the King of the Fishes.