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Dear Parent/Carer,

What a great first week back we had last week! Our Newchurch Robins have returned to school with determination and eagerness to learn. What more could we ask of them?

Coronation Celebrations

As you are all aware, there is an additional bank holiday on Monday 8th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. Not one to pass on an opportunity to celebrate, Newchurch has a number of plans in place on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th May to make this historical event memorable for the children ranging from LEGO workshops to create the landmarks of London, to singing songs, producing art work and learning about the monarchy over time.



As part of the celebrations, we will be creating time capsules and burying them within the school grounds. This Friday, each child will be provided with a slip of paper to go into the capsule. They can write about what their life is like, the places they like to go, the games they like to play etc and they can even draw a picture or stick a photograph on to it. This will need to be returned no later than Wednesday 3rd May. There will be four time capsules:

- Reception with contributions from the local nurseries and care homes.
- Year 1 and Year 2
- Year 3 and Year 4
- Year 5 and Year 6

Throughout the day on Friday 5th May, the time capsules will be buried and we warmly welcome parents and grandparents to join us. The timings will be as follows:

Reception	Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6
9:30am – 10:30am	11:00am – 11:30am	1:15pm – 1:45pm	2:30pm – 3:00pm
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On this day, we would like the children to dress up for the occasion. They can be a king, queen, a prince or a princess, a person invited to the coronation or simply wear red, white and blue. Anything goes really!

For lunch on this day, our lovely kitchen staff have offered to provide a Coronation Picnic for the children which means that the whole school can come together to celebrate. Payment for this is via ParentPay. It is hoped that the weather will be kind and we can have lunch outside.

Strike Action

The National Education Union have decided to strike for two further days, one of which is Thursday 27th April. As you are aware from our previous correspondence, teachers do not have to inform the school of their intention to strike. At this moment in time, we are expecting all classes to be in school; however, should this change you will be notified at the earliest possible time but please be aware that this could be the morning of the day of the strike. It would be worth ensuring you have a contingency plan in place for childcare.

Idling Campaign

You may have noticed a rather large poster as you walk through the gates regarding our support for Warrington's idling campaign. Along with only seven other schools, Newchurch has been selected to be part of this campaign which raises awareness of the danger to the children's health and also the environment by sitting in cars with the engine running.

Did you know:

- Idling is a major source of air pollution around our school
- For every minute a car idles enough harmful exhaust fumes to fill 150 balloons is sent into the air we breathe
- Idling uses up to a litre of fuel every half hour. Switch off and save money

Switch off when you pick up and drop off



Poor air affects everyone but especially children. Poor air quality can seriously aggravate conditions like asthma. But the good news is that you can do something about it. Walking, cycling or scooting to school even once a week will make a big difference. If you must drive, why not park away from the school then walk in? Remember that leaving your engine running while stationary is illegal. If you are dropping off near school please do so responsibly. The parking restrictions are there to help the children get to school safely and please respect our neighbours by parking considerately.

Over the course of the campaign, our Junior Safety Officers will be working with Lesley Patterson, a member of the local authority, to launch the campaign and raise awareness. She will also be providing scooter training for the children to encourage them to use their scooters when travelling to and from school. We are sure that in this current climate, you recognise the importance of this campaign and will fully support it.



Culcheth May Day

Culcheth and Glazebury Community Day is back this year and our wonderful PTA have decided that they would like to have a stall at the event to raise funds for the school. The PTA are looking for bottle donations for their stall. On Friday 28th April, the children can come in their own clothes in exchange for bottle donation if they are able to make one. The PTA will have their cars on the school carpark to collect any kind donations.

Summer Holiday Club



Last year, the school launched its very first summer holiday club which provided childcare for our Newchurch Robins over the summer holidays. In order for us to ensure that it is financially viable this year, please could we ask that any parents who would be needing to use the holiday club for childcare, please complete this very short google form:

<u>https://forms.gle/KAgdyhvUtGJJHBYF6</u> The closing date for the form is **Friday 12**th **May.**

Once we have collated all responses, we will give you details as soon as possible as to whether we will be offering a holiday club in the summer holidays.

Finally, please see the dairy of dates below with any additions in red. Have a great day!

With kindest regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher

Diary of Dates 2022-2023

Summer 2023

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Tuesday 25 th April 2023	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Wednesday 26 th April 2023	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Thursday 27 th April 2023	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Thursday 27 th April 2023	Year 2 Loved One to Lunch at	Year 2 parents
	11:30am	
Friday 28 th April 2023	Dress Down Day for bottles	All classes
Monday 1 st May 2023	Clubs start	All classes
Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Thursday 4 th May 2023	LEGO workshop for the Coronation	Year 1 and Year 2



Friday 5 th May 2023	Coronation Celebration Day	All classes
Monday 8 th May 2023	Bank Holiday for Coronation	All classes
Tuesday 9 th May 2023	KS2 SATS SPAG	Year 6
Wednesday 10 th May 2023	KS2 SATS Reading	Year 6
Thursday 11 th May 2023	KS2 SATS Maths Paper 1 and 2	Year 6
Friday 12 th May 2023	KS2 SATS Maths Paper 3	Year 6
Thursday 11 th May 2023	Year 3 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 3
Wednesday 24 th May 2023	Tate Gallery trip	Year 5
Friday 26 th May 2023	School closes	
Monday 12 th June 2023	School opens	
W/c 12 th June 2023	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1 and some Year 2
W/c 12 th June 2023	Multiplication Check	Year 4
Monday 12 th June 2023	New starter meeting at 6:30pm	September 2023 Robins
Wednesday 14 th June 2023	Safety Central trip	Year 5
Thursday 15 th June 2023	Year 4 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 4
Thursday 15 th June 2023	Burwardsley Meeting at 2:30pm	Year 2 parents and children
Thursday 29 th June 2023	Year 5 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 5
Friday 30 th June 2023	Clubs finish	All classes
Tuesday 4 th and	Burwardsley	Year 2
Wednesday 5 th July 2023		
Wednesday 5 th July 2023	Culcheth High School Transition Day	Year 6 children attending CHS
Thursday 6 th July 2023	Moving Up Day	All classes visit new classes
Monday 10 th July 2023	TTRockstars Day	All classes
Thursday 13 th July 2023	Year 6 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 6
Friday 14 th July 2023	RobinFest	All classes
Monday 17 th July 2023	Feast of Choirs 3:45pm for rehearsal and 6:30pm for performance	Year 6 children and families (tickets will be available soon)
Wednesday 19 th July 2023	Year 6 Performance and Award Ceremony from 5:30pm	Year 6 and families
Friday 21 st July 2023	KS2 Sports Day (am)	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 21 st July 2023	Reports out	All classes
Monday 24 th July 2023	KS1 Sports Day (am)	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 26 th July 2023	Leavers' Assembly at 2pm	All classes

