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Dear parent/carer,

You may wish to get a drink and a biscuit before you start to read this letter as it is a long one!

Jubilee Celebrations

All the staff have been beavering away putting the final touches to our Platinum Jubilee celebrations and we are sure the children are going to have a week to remember. Our focus of the week is to help the children to reflect on the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and recognise the changes that have occurred during this time, celebrate all she has achieved and wish her well in the years to come.

Our imaginations have gone wild and we have planned a number of exciting activities for the week which showcase our 'chocolate box curriculum' and include members of the community, including yourselves. Here is a brief outline of each which has been planned throughout the week:

Jubilee Tapestry

Organised by Mrs Conreen (Design and Technology lead) and Mr Duckett (Art and Design lead), each child is going to sew a piece of patchwork which reflects the Queen's reign. We have an abundance of buttons, threads, materials, sequins etc all in red, white and blue ready for this activity and would like to invite you as guests to work with your child (or grandchild). The 'Invite a Guest' session will be on **Monday 23rd May** and be from 9:30am – 11:00am for KS1 classes and then 1:30pm until 3:00pm for KS2 classes. If you would like to be our guest, please book in on the following Google form:

<https://forms.gle/sNgvxyKsDWXhgDLV8>

Dancing through the decades

On **Tuesday 24th May**, Children from Year 2 to Year 6 will all experience a dance workshop which will explore the different dance styles through the Queen's reign. These will be:



Year 2	Line Dancing
Year 3	The Jive
Year 4	Hip Hop
Year 5	The Charleston
Year 6	Street Dance

The children will need to wear their PE kits for this activity. Reception and Year One will have a special invite to the finale at the end of the day when all classes will perform their dances for them. How lucky!

Our 'Chocolate Box Curriculum' continues

At Newchurch, we believe that all subjects are of equal importance and so we call our curriculum a 'Chocolate Box Curriculum' – there is something there for everyone to enjoy!. We have no idea what our Newchurch robins will aspire to be and so by giving every subject a chance to shine and inspire our children, we will prepare them to fly in some way. Our Jubilee celebrations are no exception!

Throughout the week, the children will be covering different aspects of the Queen's reign through a variety of subjects:

Geography and Religious Education

Organised by Miss igglesden (our Languages lead), the children will be exploring the age related geographical features of the countries of the Commonwealth.

Reception	Australia
Year 1	New Zealand
Year 2	Canada
Year 3	Jamaica
Year 4	Barbados
Year 5	The Bahamas
Year 6	St Lucia

Each child has been bought a white t-shirt that they will decorate with the flag of the country of the Commonwealth they have been studying in preparation for our Newchurch Commonwealth Games.

Linked in with this, Miss Jones (RE lead) has prepared learning which involves the children looking at celebrations in the countries of the Commonwealth they are studying.



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Newchurch Commonwealth Games

As you know, sport is a huge part of Newchurch and as such we could not celebrate the Platinum Jubilee without some form of sporting event and so we will be hosting our very own Newchurch Commonwealth Games on **Thursday 26th May**.

Mr Singleton (our PE lead) has planned for all the children will take part in a number of sporting events: archery (child-friendly), badminton, basketball, boxing, cricket, curling, football, golf, hockey, relay races, rowing and volley ball. We are sure this will be a great day!

The children have been organised into teams ranging from Reception through to Year Six. It is an opportunity for the children to get together and work as teams, enabling them to demonstrate all the Newchurch Core Values.

A Time in History

Allowing the children the opportunity to look back on the reign of the Queen, allows them to recognise the significant events that have occurred since she was crowned. Mrs Sizer (History lead) has planned for the classes to learn about the following moments in History:

Reception	The Moon Landing
Year 1	The Commonwealth Games
Year 2	Introduction of the World Wide Web
Year 3	Launch of the NHS
Year 4	Demolition of the Berlin Wall
Year 5	Women's Vote 1929
Year 6	World War Two

Jubilee Parade

On **Friday 27th May at 11:00am**, the children will be taking to the streets for a Jubilee Parade. They will be dressed in their clothing through the decades and waving their Union Jack flags. There will be music and a line of children with smiles for everyone. We hope you can join us by lining the parade route shown below. It will only be a 20 minute parade but will hopefully be a moment to remember for our Newchurch robins and bring a smile to our neighbours' faces. If you are able to accompany the children on their parade, please contact the school office via email: newchurch_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk



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The route will be as follows:



Party at the Primary School

As part of our celebrations, we have invited our local nurseries to come dressed as kings and queens, residents of Chatbourne Court and Holcroft Grange and our VIP neighbours to join us at lunchtime for a 'street party' on our playground. Our wonderful kitchen staff will be providing sandwiches, jelly and ice cream and cakes for the occasion. It is hoped that this will be just the beginning of the intergenerational work we have planned for our Newchurch robins; just another way to show their demonstration of the Newchurch core values.

Music and Memories

Mrs Brinskman-Wood (Music lead) has organised for each class to learn a song from a different decade during Queen II reign. This is linked to the decade the children are asked to dress up in on **Friday 27th May**. Here is a reminder of the decade for each year group:

Reception	2020s
Year 1	1960s
Year 2	1970s
Year 3	1990s
Year 4	1980s
Year 5	1940s
Year 6	1950s

At 2pm on **Friday 27th May**, we invite you to join us for an assembly where each class will perform their song for you. At the moment, we are planning for this to be an open-air event. In order to attend this,



please can we ask that you book using this Google form: <https://forms.gle/TWaNjDc5jVfS1UT77> This is just so we can prepare should the weather fail us and we need to move inside. We will need to restrict this to no more than two people per family. Younger siblings not of school age are welcome as an additional person. Please contact the school office no later than the day before and we will reserve a place for them close to the stage so they can see. Should we be blessed with lovely weather, we will perform outdoors and then there will be no restrictions on numbers. Please bring along your own chairs and blankets if this is the case.

The children will return to class after the assembly and then be released at the end of the day as normal.

Be our guest to afternoon tea

Following our 'music through the decades' assembly on Friday 27th May and the collection of your children from their classrooms, we would like to invite you to join us for Afternoon Tea on the school field. Please bring along your chairs and blankets. Our fabulous PTA will provide scones (with jam and cream), tea or coffee, jelly and juice all for free as part of the celebration but as a thank you for all your contributions to their fundraising over the past year. There will be equipment for the children to play with and music to sing along to. A perfect end to our half term and Platinum Jubilee celebrations. If you would like to join us, please complete this Google form to reserve your afternoon tea:

<https://forms.gle/SCFPtvuxbxshndFn7>

As you can appreciate, the provision of such a week takes a lot of time and effort. Please ensure you book onto the events by Friday 20th May as we will not be able to accept anyone who is not on our lists due to the need to ensure risk assessments are completed and accurate and sufficient refreshments are purchased. You will receive a text as confirmation of your booking of each event ahead the day before the event. Please understand if we need to turn you away if you are not on our list.

Sharing celebrations

Please keep an eye out for our twitter feeds on @NewchurchCP and also on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NewchurchCP/> We will aim to keep you up-to-date with each event over the week.

As we are on school holidays for the actual Platinum Jubilee, please feel free to share with us your celebrations to commemorate the Queen's astonishing reign.



We appreciate that this is a lot to take in all at once, so here is the week at a glance.

Day of the Week	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Monday 23rd May 2022	Children will begin their learning activities linked to the Platinum Jubilee. Invite a guest – sewing activity	All classes. Parents (or grandparents) are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 24th May 2022	Dancing through the decades. Dance workshops:	Year 2 – Year 6 – children will need to be in PE kits for this day
Wednesday 25th May 2022	Children will continue with their learning activities linked to the Platinum Jubilee.	All classes.
Thursday 26th May 2022	Newchurch Commonwealth Games .	All classes Please remember to wear the t-shirts the children have decorated and their PE kit for the day.
Friday 27th May 2022	11:00am – Jubilee Parade	All classes
	11:30am – Party at the Primary School	
	2:00pm – Jubilee assembly	All classes and parents welcome but please book.
	3:15pm until 5pm – Afternoon Tea	All classes and parents welcome but please book.

I am sure this will be one of many fabulous memories our Newchurch robins will hold in their hearts for the rest of their lives.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Headteacher



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