

# **RLI News**

# 5th May 2023

What a wonderful week last week was! We had parents in for our Maths Workshops, preparations for our Royal Celebration, singing practice, baking treats, making sandwiches, lots of learning and finished off with a wonderful family picnic to celebrate the King's Coronation. Thank you to all who attended our picnic on Friday—it was so lovely to see the playground full of friends, families and fun.

As part of our celebrations this week the children learnt our National Anthem—Thank you to Mrs Hamer-Hodges and Mr Lidbetter for your help with this. Miss Bickle also planned a great collaborative writing project for us all to work together on. Read on in the Newsletter to find our shared story.





### <u>Dates for your Diary</u>

**Race Leys Infant School** 

#### <u>May</u>

- 8th May—Coronation Bank Holiday
- 10th May—School Photo Day
- 15th May—Year 2 SEND Meetings at Race Leys Junior School (invitations have been sent)
- 15th May—SATs will begin for Year 2 Children
- 18th May—Gribbly Bugs to visit Reception 19th May—Family Bingo Night
- 29th May—2nd June Half Term

# <u>June</u>

- 6th June—Year 1 Space Dome Visit 8th June—Pre-Pedal Sessions for Reception begin this week 12th June—Year 1&2 Phonics Screening 28th June—Reception visiting library
- 29th June—Year 2 Sports Event

# <u>July</u>

5th July—Transition Day (Info to follow) 7th July—Sports Day 14th July—GB Gymnast will visit school 21st July—Last Day of the Year 24th & 25th July—INSET DAYS

# <u>Photo Day</u>

School photo day will take place on Wednesday 10th May. These will be class photos.

On this day can we ask that the children wear their school uniforms NOT PE kits on this day.



#### <u>Attendance</u>

We are working hard to ensure the children have the best possible experiences within school so that the children are able to reach their full potential. Each week the classes can be awarded **SAM** (School Attendance Matters) or **OTIS** 

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The attendance for this week in school is 89%.

We are aiming for a target of 96%.



SAM goes

to **Swan** 

Class



OTIS goes to Cygnet Class

#### Parking / Driving

Please can we remind all parents that we ask that Hurst Road isn't driven down or parked on at the beginning and end of the school day. We also ask that you be considerate to our neighbours at these busy times of the day. If you need to drive to/from school we have an agreement with the Collycroft Club to use their car park at school drop off and collection times.



Our Family Bingo will be on Friday 19th May at 6:30pm.

Tickets will be £5 per family. This will include bingo tickets, squash for the children and a hot drink for the grown ups.

There will be other prize games on the night also.

Letters went home last week but feel free to contact the office if you would like to attend.



# School Lunches

Can we please remind all parents that we encourage the children to have healthy lunches in school. We have noticed that children have been having chocolate bars in their lunch boxes. Can we please ask that these aren't being brought into school.

Also to remind you that our wonderful

kitchen team cook a fantastic selection of hot and cold food that is completely FREE every day.

# This week's Wonderful Wednesday Lunch

Each week children are selected to join Mrs Duncan and Mrs Langtree for our Wonderful Wednesday lunches. These children are chosen because they have shown wonderful behaviour over the week.

## <u>PE Days</u>

Reception—Tuesday and Wednesday Year 1—Wednesday and Friday Year 2—Monday and Thursday Children must wear PE Kit to school on these days. Can we please ask that the children wear their school jumpers or cardigans on PE Days.

### <u>Supporting Mental Health in School</u>

As a school we are working with the mental health in Schools Team. As part of this work we would like your views alongside those of the children and staff in school. The link below will take you to the digital page.

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#### Improving Lunchtimes

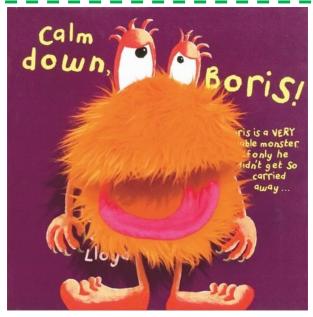
Over the past few weeks we have been working hard to improve lunchtimes for the children. It can sometimes be rather noisy and overwhelming for some of our children in the hall. We have now split the sittings a little more so that Moorhen Class are eating with our Reception Classes and Heron class are with our Year 2 classes. This has meant that less children are in the hall at anytime which is making a huge difference.

#### Book recommendation from Ms Malcolm

One of my favourite books to snuggle up and have a read of is 'Calm Down Boris'.

It is a puppet book featuring a little friend Boris, a small but very excitable monster. Boris gets very excited by many things and he loves to have a cuddle and give people slobbery kisses. Throughout the book we can play with, feed and stroke Boris but he loves to nibble fingers...so watch out!

As the book goes on Boris needs to learn that not everyone likes kisses and cuddles and sometimes he needs to calm down, a bit like us in school...sometimes we need to ask before we cuddle someone. At the end of the book a HUGE dog runs into the playground...OH NO! But don't worry...Boris saves the day...I won't tell you how, you will have to read the book and find out.



Year 2 have been practising their cutting skills in their D&T learning this week. They have been learning the safe way to hold and cut cucumber so that they are ready to create their own salads in the next couple of weeks.



Year 1 have begun their learning about capacity and volume. They have been exploring various containers to investigate how much can be held in the spaces.



In order to celebrate the King's Coronation and King Charles's love of our planet, the children in Year 1 have been working on their very own recycling project. This is now being displayed proudly in the Year 1 corridor.







#### More Marvellous Maths in Year 2 this week

We were thrilled to welcome our Year 2 parents in for the second of our Maths Workshops. We explored each of the mathematical operations and how we can use resources or pictures to support our calculations.

Each child who had a parent attend have received a Take Home Pack. Inside this pack are some maths games to play, example questions and the methods we use as a school for finding answers. All Year 2 children would have come home with a calculation pack last week.

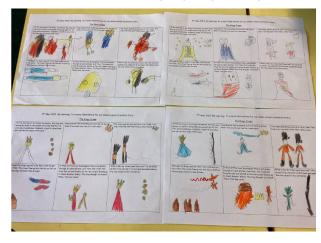






# Our Collaborative Writing Project

Each of the classes took one plot point of our story to create a shared writing project. The story was passed from class to class on Wednesday for the children to read, plan and write the next part. Great work everyone! This week the children will be asked to create a front cover for our Coronation Tale and this will be displayed proudly in the School Library.



The King's Crown

# by **All** of the Children of Race Leys Infant School (Inspired by the story The Queen's Hat)

On the morning of the King's Coronation, the King was waving his hand to the people and giving high 5's. He even gave handshakes. Suddenly, a gust of wind blew and carried the King's crown away. King Charles felt miserable and worried. He did not know if he would ever see his crown again. The King's guards sprinted after the crown. Trip trap, trip trap went their black, shiny boots. Although the King's guards tried they could not get the crown. The crown flew up into the sky as fast as the amazing, fantastic Red Arrows. It then drifted over Buckingham Palace and glided through an open window. Just then, the crown fell from the sky and landed on the red carpet leading up to West Minster Abbey. The King thought to himself "Phew, that was close! What a day my crown must have had". He carefully picked it up, place it on his head and walked down the red carpet to his coronation.

