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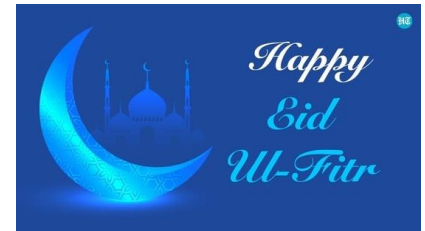
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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back – I can not believe it is now the Summer Term; the year is certainly flying by. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and managed to enjoy some of the sunshine.

On behalf of all the staff at Holne Chase, I also want to wish a happy Eid ul-Fitr to all our Muslim families. I hope you have a lovely weekend of celebrations.



### Our School Values

On Monday, the staff of Holne Chase discussed the importance of teaching our children values and the role they play in ensuring children grow up to be positive global citizens. Following our discussion, all staff voted for which six values they felt should be the key values we would focus on as a school. The new six school values that were chosen are:

- Positivity
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Empathy
- Aspiration
- Resilience

On Monday, I led an assembly in which I shared with the children why values are important and introduced these six new values. This half term, we will focus on a different value each week where the children can earn tokens or Golden Pupil for demonstrating that value throughout the week. This week, the children voted for 'Respect' and well done to all the children who were awarded Golden Pupils for showing respect this week. Next week, we will focus on 'Responsibility'.

### King Charles' Coronation Celebration



On **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, we are inviting all parents to school for a picnic lunch to celebrate King Charles' Coronation. We are inviting all parents and wider families to attend from 12pm to collect their child(ren) and make their way to the field for a picnic lunch. Please bring lunch with you that you can eat with your family. There will also be an ice cream van and a hot drinks van so please bring some cash.

This will be a great opportunity to bring the whole school community together to celebrate this historical event. If you are unable to attend the event, your child will still be involved and will go out with their class teacher.

There is a special King's Coronation Menu, which is available for your child on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**. The menu for this day has been reset on ParentPay which means any meals previously booked for this date have been cancelled. Please log into your ParentPay account to rebook your child's meal. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May your child will collect their school lunch and take it to the field.

Fingers crossed for lovely weather – we may need to cancel the event if there is significant rain.

### Pupil Groups

We recognise the importance of involving children in the decision-making process of our school and appreciate the value the children can add to the ongoing development of Holne Chase. Therefore, we have decided to set up four pupil groups that one child from each class will be a part of. Any child who wishes to represent their class in one of the pupil groups will have the opportunity to apply through a written or video application and then will be involved in an interview process.

The successful applicants will receive a badge to wear to school and be trained in their role during the Summer Term and continue their role during the next academic year. The members of the groups will then change each academic year. This will be shared with the children during Monday's assembly.

The four pupil groups that children can apply for are:

- School Council – discussing ideas for whole school initiatives (led by Mrs Havill)
- Wellbeing Ambassadors – deciding initiatives to support pupils' wellbeing (led by Mrs Cook)
- Eco-Warriors – promoting eco-friendly initiatives throughout school (led by Miss Harrison)
- Equality Ambassadors – promoting equality and celebrating diversity (led by Mr Killick)



### **Staffing News**

We want to express a warm welcome back to Miss Natasha Prince who joins us as a teacher in Year 1. The class name has now changed to 1NP.

As per the newsletter before Easter, I also wish to welcome Mrs Vanessa Tear who will be the SENCo working in school two days a week after the May half term. Between now and June, Vanessa will be in school once a week getting to know the children she will be working with.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	All day
King Charles' Coronation Celebration Event	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	12pm – 3pm
Y6 SATs Week	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Breakfast available in school from 8:15am
Y2 SATs Week	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Breakfast available in school from 8:15am
Books Over Breakfast	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	8am – 8:30am
Year 3 Woburn Safari Park Trip	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	All day
Year 1 Multi-skills Day	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Letters to be sent to specific parents when children are selected
Class Photos	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	All day
Last Day of Summer 1	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	3pm / 3:10pm
<b>MAY HALF TERM</b> Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		
First Day of Summer 2	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	8:40am