

JYS Primary School

# JYS News

29th April



## Jubilee Celebrations

On 6th February this year, Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this event, we have several activities planned for the last day of this half term (Friday May 27th). On the day, we would like all children to come in non-school uniform in the theme of "red, white and blue". This could be any item of clothing in one - or all - of the colours.

During the day, we will be holding a whole school picnic on the field, with music. We would like to ask all pupils to bring a traditional "British picnic" as their school lunch for the day. This will be in place of their school lunch, and should be sent in the normal way, inside a packed lunch box. The picnic food list could include: crusty bread, wraps, fluffy cakes, jam and cream-filled scones, muffins, homemade pies, tarts and flans - or anything else you can think of - as long as it is "nut free"! Charwells will not be providing hot meals on this day but can also provide a basic packed lunch which can be ordered in the normal way. If anyone has any red, white or blue picnic blankets that could be lent to the school for the day, this would also be appreciated.

As part of our day we will also be planting a tree to mark the event. We will be decorating the school to mark the occasion, and any donations (e.g. bunting, flags, etc) would be much appreciated. Please hand these in to the front office.

We are also setting a homework challenge for pupils across the school. We would like the children to design and create a crown that they could wear during our picnic lunch. The crown needs to be of a size that can be worn and bought in on Friday 27th May. We will judge the winners on the day, with one winner for each Key Stage.



### Year 6 writing workshop

On Wednesday, 4 students from Year 6 walked to Portfield Primary School for a writing workshop with poet and author Kathryn Evans. "We learned about seven different types of stories; tragedy, comedy, rags-to-riches, overcoming the monster, quest, redemption and voyage & return.

As well as that, we also wrote our own story plans and some paragraphs for a story. We all had great fun and really enjoyed the experience." (Eva and Anna)

### Book amnesty

We are currently in the process of stock taking our library so that we can order books for September in places where we may have gaps or missing books.

Please can you dig deep at home to see if you have any missing school books hidden away? These should have the JYS stamp inside or a blue sticker on the spine showing SLS (school library service).

## This week's news...

It has been a busy first week back with pupils across the school starting their new learning themes for the term. There have also been several other activities happening across the school.

Children in Year R have had a busy week. The class have visited the allotments on Woodlands land today to find out about how things are grown and what seasonal fruits are growing at the moment. They have also been working hard to create a wonderful spring image as a class: the tree (pictured right) has been created using the finger prints of all members of the class.

'Chance to shine' cricket coaching began this week for all children across KS2. This 5-week programme aims to teach the basic rules of the game, a chance to develop the skills needed to play the sport and provide all children with a positive experience of cricket. We are fortunate to be receiving this coaching at no cost to the school, due to the way "Chance To Shine" is funded.

