

AUSTIN FARM

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Newsletter 05/05/2023

Dear parents/carers

Last week in assembly we all tried to think sunny thoughts to encourage the good weather, but unfortunately, it only worked for the weekend and the start of this week. Despite the changeable weather we have enjoyed another exciting week, culminating with the coronation celebrations today. Please see below for the class learning.

Staffing: After Easter we welcomed Mrs Harvie to teach Year 1 to release Miss Brokenshire from whole class duties; this has been a successful transition for the children who have remained settled in her care. Imminently Miss Brokenshire will be welcoming the new addition to her family; her last day with us is Tuesday 9th May. We wish her the best of luck with her new exciting adventure!

Mr Clooke remains on long term sickness; we have been very lucky that Mrs Collins, a fantastic supply teacher, has been available to do the majority of the supply in year 5 since he left, she knows the children really well and they have made great progress over the past term and a half. We are hopeful that this arrangement will continue for the remainder of Mr Clooke's absence.

Year 5 had a lovely walk to Efford Marsh on Tuesday as part of their latest English teaching sequence based on the book "Where my wellies take me" by Michael Morpurgo. Luckily this was the one sunny day of the week and they all had a great time sharing the experience as a stimulus for their upcoming writing.

Year 2 have worked really hard doing their arithmetic SAT tests; they now have a week off whilst year 6 complete their SAT tests. Good luck year 6, you have got this! Year 2 then start again the week after with the reading papers - keep reading regularly to help build up your stamina and improve your comprehension.

Unfortunately, the class photos had to be cancelled last minute, due to issues with the photographer which were outside our control, they have been rebooked for 17th May. Please send your children in wearing school uniform and if it is a PE day then please put PE kits in a bag ready to change into. On the note of uniform, I am still seeing non-uniform being worn. Shoes and trainers should be black - bright pink or colourful trainers are neither school uniform nor school PE kit; the same applies for brightly coloured tops - white polo shirts for class and royal blue t-shirts for PE should be worn. I have also noticed some skirts that are too short for school, if your child is feeling self-conscious and can't sit comfortably with their legs crossed, then it is not appropriate to wear to school.

Phone numbers - please update the school if you change your contact details. There have been several occasions recently where we haven't been able to contact parents if their child is poorly and messages regarding school events aren't getting through due to out-of-date mobile numbers.

Stranger danger - yesterday after morning drop off, one of the younger siblings was approached by a woman with blonde hair outside the school gates who tried to encourage her to go off with her. The police have been informed. Please can I remind you to be vigilant and keep your younger children close to you at the start and end of the day. Please report to the police and school if you see anyone acting suspiciously around the school gates at the start or end of the day.

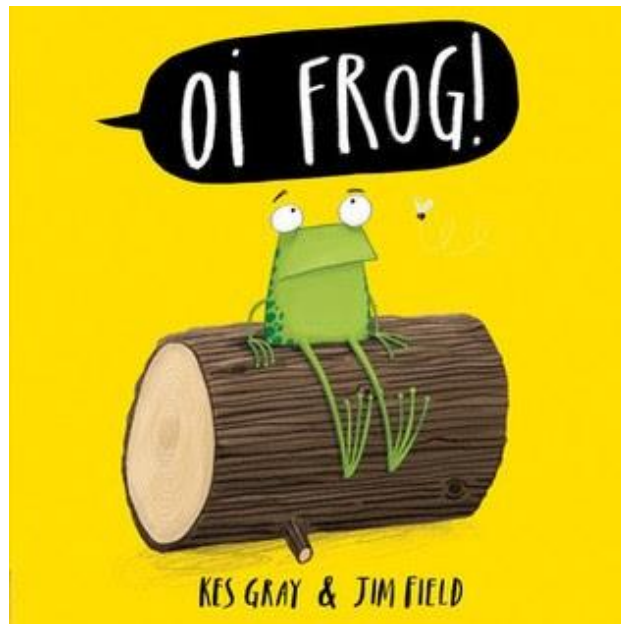
Plymouth Argyle - half term roadshow - Wednesday 31st May - please see the booking information below. If you have any issues with the online form we can support you, please come to the office if you need help to book your place.

Today we had a school full of royalty as we celebrated the King's Coronation with a special packed lunch; the rain didn't dampen our spirits; we all ate together in the hall and played some fun games! I wonder if the actual Coronation lunch will be as enjoyable!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy celebrating the crowning of our new monarch King Charles III.

Foundation: we have been talking about challenges in friendship and how to solve problems between friends. We have also been writing about our extraordinary garden designs using 'purple' describing words. In understanding of the world, we have been learning about the lifecycle of a sunflower and also learning some interesting facts about King Charles and the Coronation.

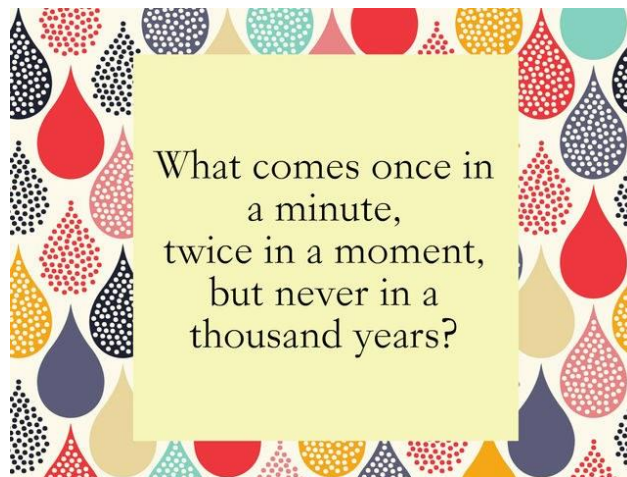
Year 1: this week, year 1 have been planning their new stories based on the text Oi Frog! They have thought of new animals and what they might want to sit on. We've been trying hard to remember our stories must rhyme. Next week we will be writing our new stories.



Year 2: this week our amazing year 2's completed their first arithmetic SATS paper. Each and every child has shown amazing perseverance and determination and I couldn't be prouder of how they approached the paper. Well done year 2 keep up the hard work :)



Year 3/4: as part of our Coronation celebrations, we took part in a Coronation scavenger hunt in our PE lesson. We had to search in 3 different locations in school to find 12 riddles. Working as a team, we went around the school with a sheet which had 12 Coronation items on it. We had to decide which Coronation item the riddle was describing. We also enjoyed learning more about what will happen this weekend and are looking forward to experiencing a huge part of British history.



Year 5: as part of our learning to write a recount we visited Efford Marsh. The weather was glorious and we were able to hear lots of birds. We also tried to name some of the plants. We used all our senses to help us make interesting notes which we will use next week. In art we made paper flowers using various techniques such as rolling, folding, scrunching, cutting and tearing.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE PLANTS



MOSS



FERN



PLANTS WITHOUT FLOWERS



PLANTS WITH FLOWERS

Year 6: We have been focusing on revision in preparation for next week's SATs. We have had many conversations reassuring all children that they are amazing, have been amazing and will be amazing next week! Good luck and get lots of sleep!! :)



Learners of the week, well done everyone !!

Foundation: C.Smith

Year 1: E.Hendry

Year 2: A.Cruikshank

Year 3: L.Rudd

Year 4: I.Danbry

Year 5: M.McCoy

Year 6: K.Webb



This week's attendance winners are...

Year 2, getting a 99% attendance this week.



King's Coronation Dinner

























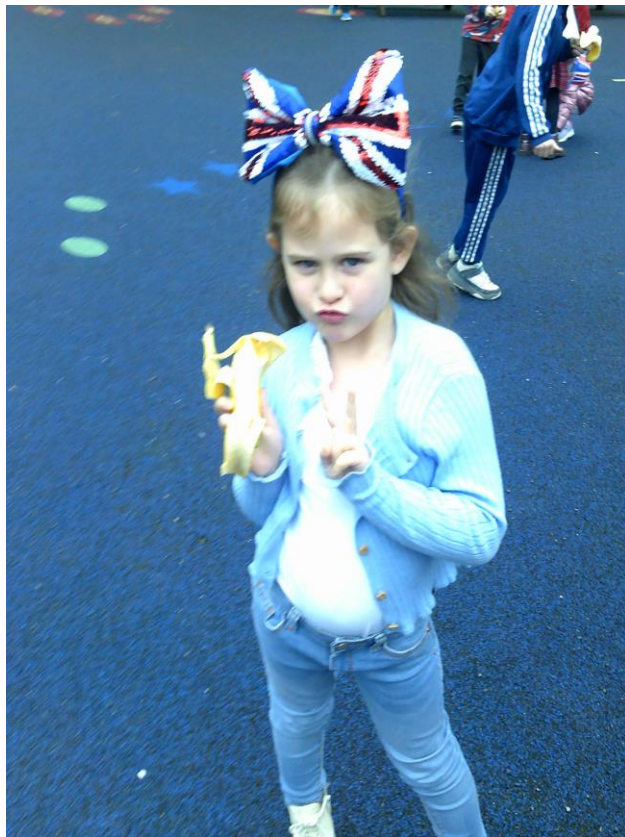


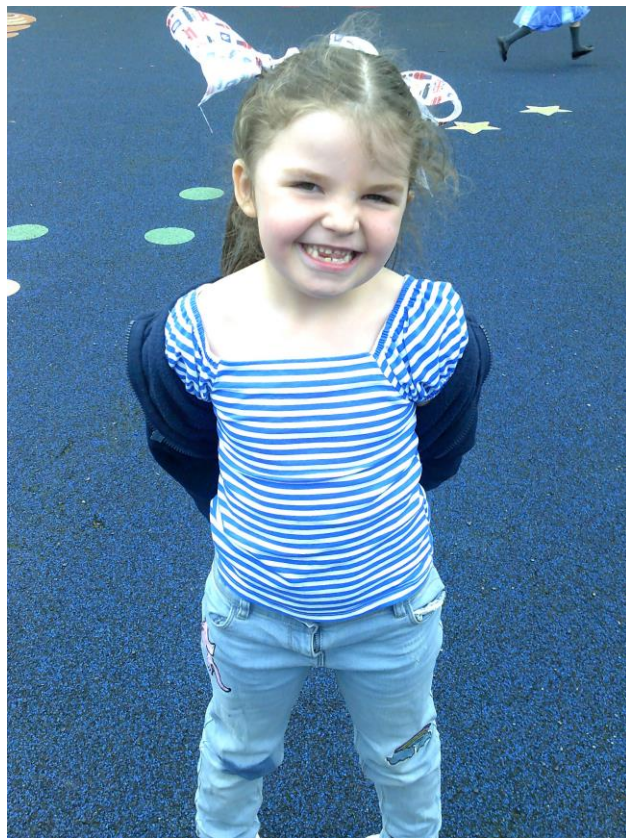


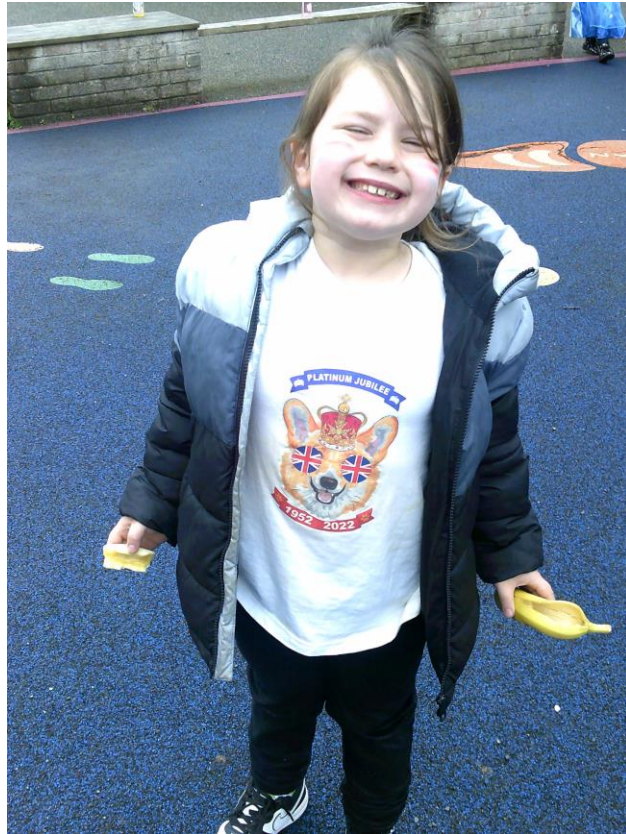












We are delighted to be hosting a PAFC Roadshow at Austin Farm Academy during Whitsun Half Term.

The Roadshow will run on Wednesday 31st May which will be a Multi Sports Roadshow (Tennis, Football, Dodgeball and Netball)

The roadshows are suitable for ages 5-12 years old and cost a reduced fee of only £14 for the day (usually £20).

You can book on via the link below or pass the cash and consent form to the office. Forms are located in the admin office.

Please ensure you bring a packed lunch, plenty of fluids and suitable attire for the day and to book on please use the link provided below.

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses/plymouth-holiday.html>

Any questions, please feel free to ask

Charlie Hardcastle



Dates to remember!!!



King's Coronation - Bank holiday 08/05/2023

Class photos - Wednesday 17/05/2023

Plymouth half marathon - 14/05/2023

Sports day 19/06/2023

Yr 6 Prom - 14/07/2023

Dinner Menu w/b 24/04/2023 - Week menu 1

School packed lunches will available in the new term.

JACKET POTATOES

Jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings

Cheese Tuna (with Mayo/mustard)

Beans Coleslaw (with Mayo/mustard)

Brown bread or Tortilla wrap with a choice of fillings

Cheese Tuna (with Mayo/mustard)

Ham

Dessert of the day, fresh fruit or yoghurt

SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH

KEY TO ALLERGENS

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL DINNERS

All Dinner money is paid via ParentPay. We do ask that you could please keep your balance in credit. KS1 children are entitled to UIFSM KS2 children only £2.20 per meal

Do I qualify for Free School Meals?

If you receive ONE of the following benefits then you will be entitled to Free School Meals:

- Income support
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by the HMRC) of less than \$16,190
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - from April 2018 provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than \$7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

PLEASE NOTE: Eligibility for FSM cannot be determined until you have received your first Universal Credit statement or entitlement letter. We have been informed by DWP that they may take up to six weeks to process your first/new claim

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please call 01752 705367 or email admin@houseinform.org.uk for more information

FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

ReFuel

AUSTIN FARM ACADEMY

WEEK 1

MONDAY

Sausage and mash

Vegetable Sausage with mash and gravy

Chocolate Orange Muffins

TUESDAY

Lasagne with garlic bread

French Bread Pizza

Tuffee Frozen Yoghurt Pots

WEDNESDAY

Cottage Pie

Cheese and Potato Pie

Jelly with fruit pieces

THURSDAY

Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, veg and gravy

Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake

Banana Cake

FRIDAY

Fish Cakes with chips or pasta

Vegetarian Quiche with chips or pasta

Rhubarb Flapjack

EVERY DAY Jacket Potato, School Packed Lunch, Salad Bar, yoghurt and fresh fruit available daily

All items listed may contain allergens!

Staying safe online

The life of KING CHARLES III

1948
Charles Windsor is born in Buckingham Palace to proud parents Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

1952
Charles' mother becomes Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England, making him the heir apparent.

1958
Charles is made Prince of Wales but does not have his investiture until 1969, when he is crowned in a televised ceremony.

1971-76
Following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather and two great-grandfathers, Charles serves in the RAF. After training as a jet pilot, he joins the Royal Navy.

1982
The couple's first child, William, is born in St Mary's Hospital in London - and two years later, Prince Harry is born. Unlike many royal births, Charles was present at the birth of both his children.

1981
The prince marries Lady Diana Spencer in a ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral after a five-month engagement.

1976
On leaving the navy, Charles sets his seven-year-old son up as The Prince's Trust - a charity to help vulnerable young people which is still running today.

2005
Having divorced in 1996, Charles marries his second wife, Camilla Parker Bowles, in a civil ceremony at Windsor Guildhall.

2022
Charles becomes king following the passing of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. He was the longest serving heir apparent in British history.

2023
Charles is crowned in a ceremony at Westminster Abbey alongside his wife Camilla, becoming the oldest British monarch to ascend to the throne.

Did you know?...

Charles was the monarch in waiting for 70 years, overtaking Edward VIII who had been heir apparent for 99 years.

The new king has a degree from the University of Cambridge and A Levels in History and French.

Charles is a committed environmentalist who has supported campaigns to achieve climate change. In 2007, he won Harvard University's Global Environmental Citizen Award.

Charles is also passionate about architecture. His charity - the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment - has helped design, construct and refurbish important buildings around the world. This won His Majesty the Graham Architecture Prize from the University of Notre Dame.

At 73, Charles becomes the oldest British king to be crowned. The previous oldest was William IV, Queen Victoria's uncle, who was 64 at his coronation way back in 1830.

GOD SAVE THE KING

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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Yr 6 Prom - Friday 14th July 2023





Attendance.

Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly. The higher a child's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments. We are implementing new procedures to help parents get their children to school.

Do you know your child's attendance ?

95% Attendance - 2 whole weeks of school missed.

90% Attendance - 4 whole weeks of school missed.

85% Attendance - 6 whole weeks of school missed.

80% Attendance - 8 whole weeks of school missed.

75% Attendance - 9 plus whole weeks of school missed.



Shekinah May Prayer Letter 23 (1)



May 2023, Prayer Letter

**May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love
and Christ's perseverance.**

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We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended our annual Charity Ball at Boringdon Park Golf Club last Saturday and helped to make it a successful evening. Boringdon Park Golf Club gave fantastic service and the venue looked stunning. A massive thank you to all the businesses that supported the evening as well as donating prizes for the raffle.

We are so grateful for the many generous donations we received. It was a phenomenal night!

We so appreciated the support we received at the Ball and our prayer request this month would be to raise Shekinah's profile in the business community in Plymouth further. This support could take many forms including by becoming a Business Friend of Shekinah, becoming a sponsor or simply having a collection tin on the premises. We would like to strengthen our links with the businesses that are already supporting us too.

**Father please increase our understanding of your amazing love for us.
May we recognise its expression more clearly as we walk with you each day.
Please strengthen our ability to persevere during difficult times
As we reflect on Jesus' example of patient endurance.**

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