



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed ...
...to be the best 'me' I can be.

6th May 2022

Queen's Jubilee 23rd-27th May 2022

Dear Parents

As you are aware on 6th February 2022, 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. We are all very much looking forward to celebrating this during the Summer Half Term and as a school we are very busy planning a series of activities and events in school during the week 23rd – 27th May 2022 leading up to the main national celebrations...you may have noticed some of the decorations already starting to appear! Some of our events planned will link to national competitions and initiatives already announced. Please see below what we have organised so far!

Monday- Friday

Great British Menu

Mrs Blakeway has produced a menu which favours our famous, traditional English Meals...

Monday: Full English Breakfast and Artic Roll, **Tuesday:** Bangers & Mash and Treacle Pudding and custard, **Wednesday:** Roast Chicken Dinner and Jam Tart, **Thursday:** Street Jubilee Party Day, **Friday:** Fish & Chips and Jam Scones.

Monday 23rd May

'Design your own Crown Competition' Opens to all

We are asking all the children to design their own crown and bring it to school at the beginning of the week ready for judging on Thursday. The children will create a parade to showcase their amazing crowns on Thursday, during our Street Party Day!

Jubilee Medals

All children will be making a Jubilee Medal to mark the celebrations

Whole School commemorative Artwork

The children will all design their own piece of 'British' Artwork which will be collated together to make a whole school 'Platinum Jubilee Patchwork Wall Hanging'.

The official emblem for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Children will all write their name to form the outline of the official emblem. A piece of work which will proudly be displayed for many years illustrating the children who attended Birches First School during this momentous occasion.

Tuesday 24th May

Queen's Biscuit Baking

Children will be baking and decorating Crown Biscuits in school.

Wednesday 27th May

Queen's Dance Jubilee Workshop

All children will participate in a dance workshop delivered by Schools Workshops. All children (Nursery – Year Four), please come dressed in PE kits/Games kits on this day.

Thursday 26th May

Royal Street Party

We will be coming together as a school to celebrate and party for the Queen! Please come to school dressed like Royalty! This may be your best party clothes, the colours of the Union Jack, Scouts/Cubs/Brownies/Rainbow Uniform or for some fun come dressed up as a member of the Royal Family! All accessories (hats/deely boppers), hair colours, nail varnish etc ALLOWED!! We are inviting ALL children to stay for lunch on this day and then participate in the parade for the best made Crown!

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY SANDWICHES OR PAY FOR A HOT DINNER ON THIS DAY!

Friday 27th May

The Queen's Green Canopy – is generating the planting of large, celebration trees, new majestic avenues of trees, urban planting, and expansive new forests that will benefit future generations. We are fortunate with our grounds to be able to plan activities in line with the Young Foresters Award to highlight the value of trees to school children. We will be planting a tree in honour of The Queen.

Performance through the Decades

We are inviting parents (1 adult per child (this allows us to keep to our Health and Safety Capacity)- no siblings/pre-school children) to come to school to watch how England has changed through the seven decades of the Queen's reign! Each year group has a decade they are concentrating on. Class teachers will send information regarding their decade!

Performance will begin at 1.30pm-Outside!

To help mark the occasion and enable us to celebrate like royalty we are asking that every child brings in a donation towards the Street Party. **Please** can the donation be brought to school during the week **Monday 16th May**.

Nursery

Please can you donate a packet biscuits

Reception

Please can you donate individually wrapped cakes/cake bars

Year One

Please can you donate a multi bag of crisps

Year Two

Please can you donate paper plates (red/white/blue)

Year Three

Please can you donate serviettes/ plastic teaspoons

Year Four

Please can you donate paper cups/plastic teaspoons

We are still inviting/asking parents to donate any decorations they see whilst out shopping to help transform our school into the most amazing venue for a Royal Party!

Finally, all children will be given a Jubilee Badge which has kindly been bought by the PFA as a keepsake for this special occasion.

Thank you for your support in this, I hope that the week will be a truly unforgettable one, in which the children will talk about in many years to come, treasuring fond memories to reminisce and pass to future generations.

Best wishes

S Varricchione

Headteacher