



## Reception News

This week in Reception we have been learning all about King Charles III and his upcoming Coronation. We have learnt lots of interesting information and have made our own fact files using our phonics skills. We have also enjoyed learning about shapes to make pictures of crowns and flags. We were lucky enough to welcome so many families in on our parent craft afternoon on Wednesday 3rd May—thank you to everyone who joined us for our themed crafts.

It was also great fun to finish off the week in red, white and blue and share a delicious street party style picnic for the King's Coronation.

Next week we will be learning all about Goldilocks and the three bears.

### Challenges!

**Reading & Phonics** : Please read with your child 5x per week and record this in their reading record to enable them to be entered into a raffle to win new books for their classroom. Please remember to access BUGCLUB to develop phonics and reading skills. This can also be recorded in your child's reading record.

**Bedtime story**: Each Friday a member of the EYFS team will upload a bedtime story on Tapestry. Grab a blanket and a teddy and enjoy the story. This story time can also be recorded as a 'read' in your child's reading record.

**Homework folders**: Each week your child will come home with a homework folder with some worksheets to complete based on different themes and subjects. Please hand these in by Thursday each week for us to add to.

### Weekly Routines

**PE (Thursday)** Please make sure your child has a **labelled PE kit** in school which can be kept on their peg and please remove all jewellery.

**Reading books**—reading books will be changed weekly.

**Library books**—Library books will be changed every Friday. Please make sure your child returns their book each week in order to choose a new one.

**Water bottles**—Please make sure your child has a named water bottle with them in school every day as it is thirsty work in Reception!

## Reception Certificates



*Congratulations to all our certificate winners this week!*

**Super star writers:** Hunter, Aiden, Willow

**Super star readers:** Miller, Louie, Aryan

**Celebrating school values:** Maxim, Bella, Archie

**The class with the most reads this weeks is....RKP!**



## Nursery News

The children have been learning about the Coronation this week and about our new King. They watched a video about King Charles and we talked about what we will see on Saturday when he is crowned. The children have loved making their own crowns which they decorated and then wore home on Friday and made flag bunting using their painted handprints. Thank you to everyone who came to our Parents/Carers Coronation Craft sessions. It really was lovely to see you all! The children also continued to celebrate Summer by playing in our role play area which has been turned into an Ice Cream Parlour!

Have another lovely bank holiday weekend!

### Weekly tasks

Reading: Please continue to look at your child's book with them and record any conversations that you have together in their reading diary. This interaction will encourage and support your child with their communication. Books (and diaries) need to be returned every Friday in exchange for a new one.

Bedtime story: Each Friday a member of the EYFS team will upload a bedtime story on Tapestry. Grab a blanket and a teddy and enjoy the story.

### Reminders and unpredictable weather

As the weather has turned colder, could we please ask that the children come fully dressed with coats, hats, scarves and boots where necessary (with school shoes in their bag ready to change in to). Water bottles are also required and we ask that they are filled with water only and are clearly named.

### Certificates

*Congratulations to all our certificate winners this week!*

Albie - 'for continuing to do his focused activities and always contributing to class discussions'

Kyra - 'for continuing to do her focused activities, following instructions and sitting nicely on the carpet'

## NHS Speech drop in

Parents with Nursery aged children are able to access speech, interaction and communication therapy through NHS drop in sessions at Great Oaks.

If you feel your child would benefit from additional speech support please contact [Drop-in@nelft.co.uk](mailto:Drop-in@nelft.co.uk) for an appointment.

## Communication for Early Years

Please make sure that you have signed up to all of the above to keep up to date with the latest school news.



### Upcoming Dates

King's Coronation—Saturday 6th May  
Coronation bank holiday—Monday 8th May (school closed)  
Parent coffee morning—Wednesday 24th May 9-10am  
INSET days—25th & 26th May (school closed)  
May half term—29th May—2nd June (school closed)  
Return to school—5th June  
Race for Life—Friday 9th June  
Transition evening (starting reception) —Tuesday 20th June 4-5pm  
Reception/KS1/KS2 Sports day—Friday 23rd June  
Nursery sports day—Friday 7th July  
Class swap day/ meet new teacher—Monday 10th July  
Summer open evening —Monday 10th July  
Last day—Friday 21st July

### Reporting Absence for Early Years

Please report child absences by using the Willows PA Connect app.  
The school must be informed EVERY school day that the child is absent.  
Please ensure that you have reported your child's absence by 9.00am.

## Parents Coffee Morning

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

9.00 -10.00 am



**Katy Taylor, Healthy Family Support Practitioner** will be here to explain the support **Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service** can offer our parents including healthy eating, emotional wellbeing, behaviour, parenting, wetting, sleep, growth, friendships, anger, advice and information.

Refreshments will be available and we look forward to seeing you then.