



# Friday Flyer

5th May

## Head of School Update

This week the children enjoyed the BigFoot Theatre Company being in school to help with planning the party for the King's Coronation. There have been lots of exciting things for the children to take part in this week to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. Every class has drawn or written a message to the King which we will be posting to him. The children have really enjoyed themselves and I hope they remember this important part of our history for years to come! Lots of children are looking forward to watching the Coronation and some want to travel to London to see it for themselves! Whatever you do, have a great time!

It was great to see our Y5/6 children taking part in the netball tournament this week at Darras Hall Primary School. We played some friendly matches with our Pele Trust peers from Darras, Ponteland and Heddon primaries - well done everyone!



Next week our Year 6 children will complete their SATs tests. They have all worked so hard preparing for them and I have every faith in them that they will do the best they can! Good luck Year 6!

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend and a reminder that we will be open on Tuesday 9th May.

Best wishes

Mrs Blain



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many areas which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...

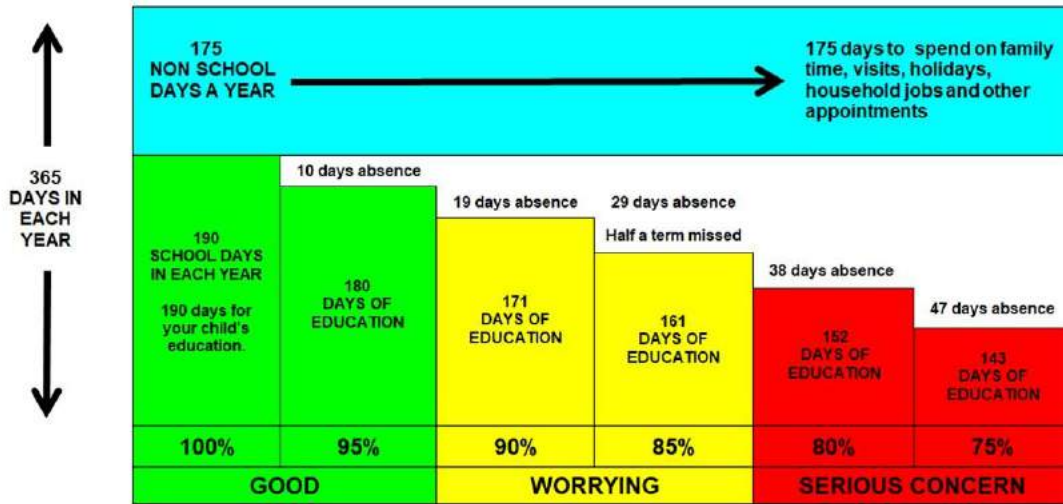




Class	Attendance
Reception	93.18
Y1/2	97.06
Y3/4	93.00
Y5/6	97.73

Please refer to the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time.

Days off School add up to lost learning!




**Upcoming events:**

Monday 8 May	Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
Tuesday 9 May - Friday 12 May	Y6 Sats
Friday 26 May	End of Summer 1
Monday 5 June	Summer 2 begins
Week beginning 12 June	Year 1 phonics screening
Week beginning 26 June	Y6 France trip
Friday 7 July	Summer Fair
Week beg 10 July	Flow Exhibition of Pele Trust primary schools creative arts work at Ponteland Leisure Centre
Thursday 13 July	Flow Music Concert at Ponteland High School -6pm
All dates may be subject to change.	



## The week in Reception

We have had another busy week in Reception! Not only have we made crowns, wrote to the King, helped to plan the party for the Coronation and had a super lunch cooked by Mrs Hayes. We have also worked very hard with everything we have been asked to do! I can see why we are the best class in the school!



On Wednesday we are lucky to now have the opportunity to be proactive and help in our gardening area. Some of the older children take part in Gardening club and Mrs Martin very kindly offered Reception the chance to be involved as well. This week we learned the rules to being safe in the garden, dug up the carrots and potatoes, planted some new carrots and planted some more flowers. The children really enjoyed it and would have spent all day out there if we could. It was lovely to see everyone so busy and involved, while also showing one of our main school values of respect. Well done everyone! We are already looking forward to next week and seeing what other jobs we will take part in.



Please see Tapestry for more photos from during the week!

Miss Houghton



## The week in Key Stage 1

Year 1 and 2 had a brilliant time in school celebrating King Charles's coronation. We worked hard in English to write letters congratulating the King on the beginning of his new reign using a range of sentence functions, WOW words and royal vocabulary.

We had an interesting visit from Pickleberry on Wednesday, a member of the Big Foot Production team. She challenged KS1 to be party planners and helped us plan the ultimate coronation. We planned what transport the King could use to arrive at the event, designed celebratory cakes and even re-invented the national anthem. Rock on!

In Art, we made vibrant crowns to wear to Mrs Hayes's royal picnic lunch. There were lots of delicious sandwiches and cakes to enjoy. Thank you Mrs Hayes.



Miss

Dixon



## The week in Year 3 and 4

This week in Year 3 and 4 we have been continuing to learn about Ancient Egypt. In English we wrote our non-chronological report about what life was like in Ancient Egypt and this was using the research we completed on our chromebooks independently. The children have been pushing themselves to ensure all our work is extremely neat and well presented as well as continuing our class goal of using our manners which we have done an amazing job at.

As part of the King's coronation we took part in a drama workshop where we were able to show off our confidence and also our drama skills and Miss Cruse was so impressed with how involved everyone was throughout. We have also created our own royal crowns to wear whilst reading different books about the King (our favourite being the King's pants).

In computing we continued with our new topic 'creating media' where we began thinking about different fonts and how we can decide which works best. We were able to put this into practise by creating our own birthday invitations on the chromebooks and they all looked amazing.



Miss Cruse



## The week in Year 5 and 6

We may have had a shorter week this week but it has still been full of many exciting opportunities to develop our skills and knowledge.



### Science

We are 'over the moon' with our new Earth and Space unit of work in Science. Mr Harvey remembered that he had a blow up solar system and that's now hanging pride and place across the classroom. We have carried out individual research on all of the planets in our solar system and found out some amazing facts and information that we shared with everyone in the class.



### English

We've continued reading our new book and we are writing up some fantastic newspaper reports based on Joe's speech he made to the UK press. We've been mini-journalists and looked at all of the important features that are needed for a successful newspaper report. It looks like he really is going to become Prime Minister and we wonder how good he will be at the job?

### Netball

As mentioned by Mrs Blain above, some of our children took part in a friendly netball tournament at Darras Hall Primary on Thursday evening. Well done to everyone who volunteered to go and thank you to the parental support too.



Belsay School



Mr Harvey and Miss Thomas