



CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

As we officially welcome King Charles III to reign on Saturday 6th May, we are excited to share with you how we are marking this momentous occasion at Our Lady & St Joseph.



Coronation Fete and Picnic – Friday 5th May

On Friday 5th May, we are having a whole day of Coronation Celebrations!

Morning lessons will be dedicated to learning about the Coronation and King Charles, as well as the opportunity to decorate a giant crown each, which have been kindly purchased by the PTA. They will take photographs of the children in their crowns as a keepsake of the event.

Children will also be given a Coronation Commemorative Certificate to mark the occasion as well as a special badge as a keepsake to remember the event.

We are hosting a Fete and Picnic for the whole family to enjoy (subject to the weather!) Parents can arrive from 1pm to enjoy a family picnic, before the children perform dances, Coronation songs and play their musical instruments for the audience. Our red, white and blue traditional bunting (created by the children with the help of Transition Lymington) will also be on display, which we are very excited to show you!

Don't forget, your child will need their PE kit in school, suncream applied and a hat. A picnic lunch can be ordered from the school office, as normal.

We would also like to encourage children and parents to donate to our Coronation Food Bank Drive for New Forest Basics Bank. We have asked different houses to donate different items, to support making a hamper for a family.

St Matthew – Tinned meats, tinned fish, cereals

St Mark – Washing up liquid, laundry detergent, shampoo, toothpaste

St Luke- Coffee, Tea, Jam, Marmalade

St John- Tinned Soup, Tinned Pasta, Tinned Beans/Pulses, Cordial

If this event cannot go ahead due to the weather, we will endeavour to have our picnic and fete after Sports Day, on Monday 22nd May.

Big Help Out – Tuesday 23rd May

Our “Big Help Out” will take place on Tuesday 23rd of May. This is an initiative from King Charles designed to get everybody involved in supporting their local community and being active within it!



Year 5 will be going to Farringford Court, to read stories to residents. They will be escorted by school staff, via minibus.

Year 4 & Year 6 will be going to Belmore Lodge, again to read stories to residents. They will walk to Belmore Lodge, escorted by school staff.

Year 3 will be visiting Little Orchards Nursery, to read stories to the children. They will walk to Little Orchards with school staff.

Year R, 1 and 2 would like to invite Grandparents or other special grown-ups in to school to play some traditional games in class together, such as dominoes, tiddlywinks and card games. This event will take place from 10.45am to midday. Please note, that we can only accommodate 1 grown up per child.

The event for Years R, 1 and 2 is a bookable event – each grown-up that attends will need a ticket, which can be obtained from the office. Names of visiting grown-ups need to be recorded with the school office in advance. This allows us to appropriately organise the event, adhere to fire safety regulations and safeguard our children. Pupils are welcome to bring in board games of their own too, should they so wish, but please label the box!

Summer Fete – Wednesday 24th May

On the final day of term, Wednesday 24th May, parents are welcome in to school from 2.30pm for our Summer Fete. Each year group will have two stalls with a ‘coronation theme’, as part of pupils’ £5 enterprise challenge. One stall will be a

coronation themed game, manned by the pupils, the other stall will have a range of 'eco' products created by the children on sale, inspired by the King's love of ecology.

Great Gardening Day – Friday 9th June

All primary schools are being sent wildflower seeds from the Department of Education to celebrate the King's Coronation.

We will be having a full 'gardening day' in school on Friday 9th June, with mini eco-projects on the go, but we would like to invite parents in for the first hour (8.45am to 9.45am) to plant the wildflower seeds together.

Please ensure your child has a hat, wellies and has had sun cream applied on this date.

Many thanks for your continued support. We hope you enjoy your Bank Holiday celebrations!



With regards

G Montague

Mrs Montague
Executive Headteacher