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Diary Dates

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### April

25 <sup>th</sup>	CAFOD Sponsored Walk for Turkey and Syria – wear something red
27 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Strike – 1HC, 2SK, 2SW, 5S, 5HW closed
28 <sup>th</sup>	Cake Sale after school for Turkey & Syria – all donations welcome

### May

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday – school closed
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Teacher Strike – 1HC, 2SK, 2SW & 5HW closed
5 <sup>th</sup>	Coronation Celebration – see further information below
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – school closed
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs week
16 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photographs
18 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension Day mass in school – time tbc
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 'Celebration Day'
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cultural Diversity Day
25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 grandparents' day from 2pm – more information to follow
26 <sup>th</sup>	PTA non-uniform 'Bend the Rules Day'. School breaks up for half term

### June

5 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	5HW to Hathersage
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	5S to Hathersage
10 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion – 11am in Church
12 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion mass in school – 9.30am
13 <sup>th</sup>	New starters parents' meeting – 6pm in the hall
16 <sup>th</sup>	GSA's Got Talent – PTA event – more information to follow
27 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 trip to Magna Science Centre
30 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fayre

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you all managed to have a lovely Easter break and enjoy some of the beautiful sunshine that blessed us, especially over Easter weekend. We look forward to a busy term ahead with many things already planned in the diary – Hathersage for Year 5, The Briars for Year 6, The King's Coronation, Cultural Diversity Day, The Summer Fayre and First Holy Communion to name but a few.

You will note from the dates above that I have put the **sponsored walk in for tomorrow – 25<sup>th</sup> April** – the driest day this week! If you would like to pop down to the Helicopter Park to cheer your children on, please see the timetable below. Remember this is a non-uniform day and we ask the children to come dressed in something red to represent the flags of Turkey and Syria.

Time	Classes
9.15-10.15am	Reception and Year 5
10.30-11.30am	Year 2 and Year 4
1.15-2.15pm	Nursery and Year 6
2.15-3.15pm	Year 1 and Year 3

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Toner



## Cake Sale

In further support of our fundraising for Turkey and Syria, the PTA will be holding a cake sale after school on Friday. All donations (and help with selling the cakes) will be very gratefully received.

## Celebration Assemblies

Please note that we have now moved KS1 Celebration Assembly to the morning at 9.15am. KS2 remains at 2.35pm (alternate weeks). Everyone is welcome to attend and please remember to bring trophies and certificates as we love to share outside achievements too.

## Year 6 SATs

The children in year 6 have been working hard to prepare for their SATs which take place week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May. As part of their preparations, they will have breakfast, provided by school, each morning before their tests take place. Please remember them in your prayers over the coming weeks.

## Class Photographs

The photographer is in school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Please send children to school dressed in full uniform – girls can wear summer dresses if preferred. If your child has PE on the day, please send them in with their kit to get changed into.



## King Charles III Coronation Celebrations



To celebrate the King's Coronation, we are holding a street party in school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue.

The children will be off timetable for the whole day and will be taking part in a variety of exciting and fun activities in their year groups. Similar to the Queen's Jubilee last year, we will be hosting big street party on the playground at lunchtime (weather permitting). We hope you can help make this a success by providing food for us to share on the day. A separate letter is attached with further information regarding how you can support us to make the day a success.

Following the success of the Queens' Jubilee, children from each year group will be performing a song from a different decade for parents to enjoy on the playground from 2.30pm.

## Cultural Diversity Day – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Miss Smallwood and some of the children in Year 5 have been busy preparing a very exciting day for us to celebrate the Cultural Diversity of our school. This will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Watch out for a letter from Miss Smallwood over the next few days informing you of the plans and how you can help.



## New Trust Attendance Policy.

The OLoL Trust have recently updated the Attendance and Punctuality Policy (including corresponding template letters) which is attached along with this newsletter. The policy is very clear on our expectations that children attend school every day (unless they are too unwell). It also clearly states that leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please note, an unauthorised leave of absence of more than 3 days/6 sessions (over a 6-week rolling period) may lead to you being issued with a penalty notice fine via Nottinghamshire County Council.