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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we certainly have started the term as we mean to go on, with some great learning experiences and some extremely motivated and engaged children throughout the school.

It was fantastic to see so many children donning their crowns after working so hard on them over the holiday break. These will be shown off in our crown parade as part of our Coronation celebrations on 5th May.

Just a reminder that on this date, we will have a non-uniform day, with a red, white and blue theme.

As we will be having a picnic lunch on the field, it would be great if the children could bring a small picnic blanket for the day (don't worry if you haven't got one as we have lots of spares that we can share too).



Year 4 made us all very proud during their three-day residential to the Scouts Centre this week. We had a wonderful time, jam packed with activities including kayaking, a rib ride, orienteering, learning survival skills, bird watching, singing around the campfire, and creating some natural art pieces. A big thank you to Mr Dolman for organising a range of learning opportunities for the children and his energy and enthusiasm throughout. Thank you to all the other adults who came to support us with cooking, activities and the big clean up at the end!

Following two successful community events we have just over £2000 to spend, thanks to all your fundraising efforts. We have spoken to the children about what they would like to use the funds for and how they think this would benefit the whole school, which each class Student Council representative has fed into their meeting. We will therefore be using the money to purchase some playground equipment including basketball hoops, sandpits, and some outdoor beanbags.



This term we will be having two more opportunities to come together as a community. A 'Tortoise and the Hare' Sponsored Walk on 26th May and our Summer Fayre on 20th July. It would be great if you can join us for part or all the day. More details to follow.

Some of our Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic time taking part in the Tag Rugby Festival at the Jersey Rugby Club on Wednesday. They played in mixed teams in the group stages, and faced some stiff opposition from other schools, playing with resilience and great team spirit, having a wonderful time, and improving match by match. Many tries were scored, and a highlight was a win against the overall group winners in the last match of the group stages.



A very big thank you to the parents who have been able to give some time to help with the huge job of sticking bar codes into our library books.

We still have some way to go before we are ready to start scanning books out, so if there are any parents willing to help for an hour or more, please do get in touch.

'Bella Royale the Infoshell', has made her way back to Durrell in preparation of the Tortoise Trail. A huge thank you to Mrs Arthur and all the children for helping with the painting; it looks fabulous and made even better by the fact that every child in the school has contributed. Thank you to Thomas and Penny for their fantastic designs.



This week children have been tasting different varieties of fruit and vegetables as part of the 'Food Dudes' programme run by Jersey's Public Health, which is designed to encourage children to taste a wider variety of fruit and vegetables and encourage healthy food habits. Research shows that through repeat tasting of certain foods, our taste buds change, and children may discover there are certain fruits and vegetables that they have never tasted before, but they enjoy and may like to eat in the future.

The Jersey Children and Families Hub Service, a service which provides support and safeguarding advice to children and families, has been strengthened to ensure families get the right help at the right time and that information is made easily available and accessible. Their website has also been refreshed and enhanced to offer more information about childcare, holiday clubs and parenting programmes. The links below will take you to some helpful pages.

[Help and support for children, families and young people \(Children and Families Hub\)](#)

[About the Children and Families Hub](#)

[Find help and support for children, young people and families in Jersey](#)

Below are key dates you will need to make note of for this term. More details will follow.

Summer Term Dates	
1 st May	Bank Holiday Monday – School closed
2 nd May 6pm - 7pm	Parents meeting for Year 3 Residential
5 th May	Coronation Day celebrations. Red, White and Blue Day.
8 th May	Bank Holiday Monday for Coronation – School closed
9 th May	Liberation Day – School closed
12 th May	Rights Respecting Schools Day
16 th May 6pm - 7pm	Parents meeting for Year 5 Residential
26 th May 9.30am	Tortoise and the Hare Community Sponsored Walk
29 th May - 2 nd June	Half Term Holiday
19 th June - 23 rd June	Year 6 Residential to Dorset
20 th June 6pm – 7pm	New Parent Induction Meeting
28 th – 29 th June	Year 3 Residential – Camp Bosdet
5 th – 7 th July	Year 5 Residential – St Aubin’s Fort
6 – 7 th July	Transition Days
11 th July 6pm – 7pm	Key Stage 2 Show
12 th July 1.30pm – 2.30pm	Key Stage 2 Show
13 th July Morning	Nursery & Reception Sports Day
13 th July Afternoon	Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 Sports Day
17 th July	End of Year Reports sent out to parents
19 th July 2pm – 3pm	Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly
20 th July 3.30pm – 5.30pm	Summer Fayre
21 st July	End of Term

Have a wonderful extended weekend.

Take care,



Claire Hammond