

5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## **A GREAT WEEK WITH LOTS TO CELEBRATE!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by in school! It has been fantastic to see so much hard work going on across the classes and it has been lovely to end the week with such wonderful Coronation celebrations today.

### **Coronation Celebrations**

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have been learning about the Coronation of King Charles III in lessons and have been marking this special occasion in lots of different ways. Today's celebration lunch brought all this work together brilliantly and it really was a wonderful event. It was lovely to see the children enjoying the festivities. Huge thanks to the staff team who decorated school so beautifully and to the catering team for providing such a delicious lunch.

### **Catering News**

On Thursday, we underwent an unannounced Environmental Health inspection. These inspections happen periodically, but there is never any prior warning. The inspectors spent time with the catering team, talking through procedures and examining all aspects of kitchen practice. The feedback we received was absolutely fantastic. The inspectors praised the team's level of knowledge and the robust procedures that are clearly in place. They commented that the kitchen had a calm and friendly atmosphere and they said that it was absolutely spotless! They mentioned that this is rarely the case and they see many, many school kitchens as part of their job.

A health and lifestyle nutritionist also attended the inspection as part of a BBC pilot and she was extremely impressed with the menu. She said that the team are clearly aware of the school food standards and this is evident in the choices that are offered to the children.

In summing up, the inspection team said that the whole process had been a pleasure and they could not fault anything they had seen. On the back of such a positive inspection, they awarded the catering team a 5 Star Environmental Health, Food Safety and Hygiene Award which is absolutely fantastic!

Our thanks and congratulations go to our catering team for all their hard work. This is wonderful recognition for them and for Waterloo!

### **Parent Consultation**

In the last newsletter, I wrote to make you aware of the planned changes to our PSHE and RSE curriculum. I asked all parents and carers to look at the relevant policies and raise any questions or comments during our period of consultation. I can now tell you that the official period of consultation is closed and that we received no feedback on either of the policies, or any of the curriculum content. These policies will now be taken to the Academy Council for approval and will be formally adopted and published on our website following that process.

Although the formal consultation period is over, we are always happy to answer any questions you might have at any point during the school year.

### **Year 6 SATs Week**

**Next week is SATs week for all of the children in Year 6.** Thanks to the hard work of the children and the Year 6 team, they are really well prepared, both academically and emotionally, to sit their SATs. The timing of these tests is dictated to us and is completely out of our control. We always write to parents and carers ahead of the SATs, but I feel that this is particularly important as we head into another bank holiday weekend. Although we would never seek to spoil anyone's fun, we would politely ask that you are particularly mindful this weekend as bank holidays often mean late nights and celebrations. As far as you are able, please ensure that your children are getting enough sleep across the weekend, as this will be incredibly beneficial to them as they head into next week.

We ask that all Year 6 children arrive at school promptly next week, as the SATs take place during the mornings. If your child is unwell, it is incredibly important that you let school know as soon as you are able, so that we can make alternative arrangements for them.

We are already incredibly proud of our Year 6 cohort. They have worked extremely hard and they set a wonderful example to the other children in school day in, day out. We promise that they will be well-supported and looked after as they head into this important week.

### **Bank Holiday**

Just a quick reminder that **school will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** due to the bank holiday and will **re-open on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at the normal time.**

Thank you once again for your continued support. Everyone at Waterloo, wishes all our children and their families, a wonderful Coronation weekend!

Kind regards,



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**Head of School**