



Message from Mrs How:

Firstly, do not panic. Today is not Friday and you have not lost a day this week. This week's Star is being published on Thursday, as tomorrow is our additional day taken in lieu of the Jubilee bank holidays falling within half term.

Keeping children safe

This week in all classes, we have talked about how children can keep themselves safe. Some classes have used the Pantosaurus video clip from the NSPCC website while other have used resources from the Cambridgeshire PSHE service. In all cases this has been delivered in an age appropriate way with the key messages being around

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

The acronym PANTS is used by the NSPCC to help everyone remember these important 'rules' and allows even the youngest children to access this. If you would like to view the NSPCC's video and other resources, either to revisit this with your children or to give them an opportunity to talk about their learning this can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/> You do not need to sign up or log in, just scroll down to the clip. The song is incredibly catchy which makes it easy to remember.

Jubilee celebrations

There are lots of activities and competitions over that half term break in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All information that we have been sent, or that we have organised are included in this week's newsletter.

As explained last week, we will be celebrating when the children return to school on Tuesday 7th June. If possible, please send your child dressed in the red, white and blue colours of the union flag.

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*"Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions,
slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures."*

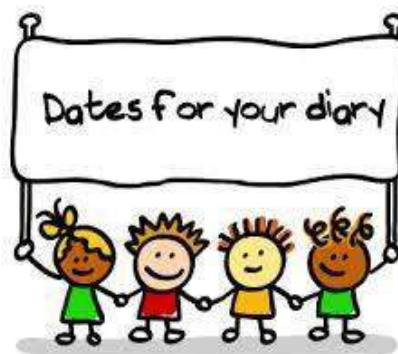
John F Kennedy

School Meal Charges Summer 2021

Daily:	£2.35
Weekly:	£11.75
1st half term	£65.80
2nd half term	£70.50
Whole term	£136.30

Please make payment for school lunches via Pay360 (formerly SIMS PAY) **in advance of meals taken.**

We are now a 'cashless' school and will no longer accept either cash or cheques. If you need to set up a Pay360 account, please contact the office at office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk



May

27th Additional bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee
30th - 3rd Jun **Summer half term**

June

6th INSET day
7th Children return to School
7th Jubilee Celebration Day - details to follow
15th Year 6 trip to Stibbington Centre
22nd/23rd Book Fair — see page 12 for more details
24th Year 3 trip to Bewilderwood
28th EYFS & KS1 Sports day - morning
28th KS2 Sports day - afternoon

July

8th Rocksteady concert
12th Year 6 matinee performance (tbc)
15th Year 6 leavers' party
18th & 19th Year 6 move up day to BVC
22nd Last day of Summer term

Absence from School

If your child is absent on a day, please call the school office on 01763 852474, or email office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

Please avoid using Parentmail to report pupil absences.

Absence Reporting

If your child is absent please advise us on 01763 852474 (Option 1) and leave a message on the absence line or email office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk
Please don't message via Parentmail as we don't use this aspect of the system and so this won't be seen.

Notice Board

Home Time Arrangements

Please ensure that you advise the office by email on office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk by **12 noon** if your child's home time arrangement will be different from usual.

It is really important to let us know as soon as you are able to so we can ensure messages get to the class in good time for the end of the day. We appreciate that there are times (ie when stuck in traffic) when it isn't possible to let us know earlier, but we would ask you to help us help you and your child(ren) by advising us with an email either on the morning of the change, or the evening before.

Please also remember that if your child is being collected with another child to let us know; we've had a number of occasions when the office has had to make last-minute phone calls at the end of the day for this reason.

School uniform

Please, please ensure that your child's belongings (uniform, bags, water bottle etc) are all labelled with your child's name. We have a number of jumpers and other items which have been misplaced by their owners which we can't return as they don't have the child's name inside, or have the name of a 'previous owner'.

Class Photos

Reminder to order child's class photo if you would like to. Links were sent via Parentmail on Friday, 20th May.

Tempest are offering a free 'deliver to school' option which is open until Sunday, 5th June, after that home delivery is available for £5 post and packing.

If you need any help with your order please contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on 'contact us' on the home page.

Cricket & Rounders Club: Year 5s and 6s

Bookings are now open for a Year 5 & 6 Cricket and Rounders Club to be held on Mondays straight after school from 3.15pm - 4.15pm for 5 weeks commencing Monday 13th June with the last session on Monday 11th July. Over the duration of the half term a mixture of both cricket and rounders will be played. A small fee of £5.00 is asked for the club to support the renewal of equipment for the club and admin costs. Places are strictly limited - please see Parentmail sent on 23rd May for information on how to book.

News from Starling Class (Reception)

This week we have been continuing our learning about Queen Elizabeth II and all about The Platinum Jubilee, in order to prepare ourselves for any and all festivities happening during the Half Term break. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating items which will be used to decorate the classroom and the school building ready for our Jubilee celebration day on the first day back after Half Term.

This week in Phonics we have completed our Phase 6 learning and demonstrated our knowledge so far. This information will inform where any gaps are in the children's learning so that our Phonics focus after half term will be to support and build on their knowledge in order to prepare them for transition into Year One. Our Maths sessions this week focused on odd and even numbers, this built on our previous learning of doubling and halving and sharing fairly. We used Numberblocks to support our learning with odds and evens too which the children LOVED!

In PE this week all children participated in various races. There was a walking, sprinting, walk/running, sprinting whilst changing directions using foot taps and sprinting whilst changing directions using hand taps. The children were really focused and used great athleticism and showed wonderful team spirit. These qualities will prepare them for their upcoming Sports Day, which they will begin practicing for after Half Term.

The children were lucky enough this week to watch the Year One ducklings take their first swimming lesson. The pure joy and squeals of excitement was a pleasure to observe!

This week we have collected in the Library books which were returned this week and we will begin our Library visits again after half term. The children have taken two reading books home instead. If you are planning on completing any homework during the Half Term break, then please focus on practicing the tricky words and digraphs and trigraphs.



Please can we remind you again that our children go outside in all weathers, so please ensure your child has a hat, jumper or cardigan, waterproof jacket and is wearing sunscreen. The children have access to their water bottles throughout the day and these are topped up as and when needed. Please ensure all items of clothing are named (WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME), if they've been previously named, please can you check that they still are.

Children had their PE kits returned to them after our PE session this week. Please can they be sent back to school on the first day back. Ensure that all children have t-shirt, shorts, spare socks, trainers, jumper, joggers (just in case we cannot rely on the warmer weather). These will remain in school for the rest of the term and be returned at the end of the year.

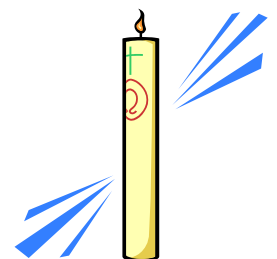
Have a wonderful Half Term break!
We look forward to the return of Miss Webb and the exciting opportunities warmer weather will provide us!

Mrs Meridew, Mrs Brown & Mrs Keech



Assemblies, Collective Worship and Reflection

Canon William joined us for assembly on Thursday where he talked about Ascension Day. He explained that although the date changes each year depending when Easter falls; it is always celebrated on a Thursday. He talked to the children about how Christians remember this as the day that Jesus returned to heaven and asked all those who follow him to spread the word of his eternal love.



News from Robin Class (Year 1)

Surprisingly, this week has been all about the ducklings!

Unfortunately, the last egg didn't hatch, but the children have responded to this news with such a positive attitude – the Mummy duck lays lots of eggs as this happens a lot in nature and they have learned that sometimes, a duckling just isn't strong enough to get out of the egg.

We have enjoyed plenty of cuddles with all of the ducklings and learning that they poo a lot has been

a main talking point! Each of the ducklings has its own personality and many of the children have their favourite – They have all written in their diary about their favourite and said why they like it best.

On Monday we let the ducklings in the paddling pool for their first swim – it was amazing how quickly Lotstar Neill in particular took to swimming and diving under the water – 'like a duck to water'. The rest followed soon after and they were all zooming around the pool!

We have been weighing the ducklings at regular intervals and taking measurements of their beaks and backs to see how much they have grown in the week since they hatched.

On Wednesday the children had the chance to sketch a duckling and some were inspired to try mixing colours to just the right shade to colour them in. It was truly magical to see all the children working so

hard on their particular tasks.





We have been using our weighing skills (using grams) to find out how much each duckling weighed – from when they hatched, right up until yesterday morning. The children worked out how much weight each duckling has gained since they hatched.

Finally, credit to Aurora for wanting to find out if the ducklings would change colour in the week they have been with us. She devised her own way to record this and has coloured a patch, matching it carefully to the feather colour of the same duck to see how much change there has been!

We hope you have a fantastic break over half term and look forwards to seeing you all back again on Tuesday 7th June. Please remember to send back PE kits as well as water bottles and (hopefully) sun hats!

Mrs Bowmer and the Year 1 Team





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Cleaner Vacancy
10 hours per week, £9.50 per hour term time
Starting ASAP 2022

We are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated part time Cleaner. There is some flexibility when the hours could be worked and can be either directly before or after school, negotiable 3-5 days per week.

This post may be suitable for someone wanting to work around their studies.

The post holder will join our cleaning team and be responsible for ensuring the building is cleaned to a safe, high standard at all times.

If you are interested in this position, please see school website for further information and an application form. Applications should be sent to Mrs Alisa Lopez-Adcock e-mail ALopez-Adcock@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

We are committed to stringent safeguarding procedures and applicants will be subject to a full enhanced DBS check. Please note, references will be requested prior to interview. As an equal opportunities employer, we welcome applications from all members of the community.

Closing date: 17th June 2022

Interviews will be held: Week commencing 20th June 2022



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Class Teacher Year 1 Part Time /0.3 Fridays plus PPA cover Starting September 2022

We are looking for a suitable candidate who will job-share in our Year 1 class from September. We have an experienced teacher who works Monday to Thursday and also needs cover for PPA time, which can be negotiable.

As a one form entry Primary School, all teachers are expected to take responsibility for at least one subject area, either leading it themselves or working alongside a colleague. Regular attendance at our weekly staff meeting is also expected.

We are looking for someone who
has high standards and expectations for all pupils
values wellbeing and personal development alongside academic success and progress
is able to work collaboratively and with initiative within our strong key stage and whole school teams
is able to actively promote and support our distinct Christian ethos.

This is a MPS position and we welcome applications from ECTs, experienced teachers and those returning to the profession. The school was inspected in December 2016 and judged to be 'good'. We were Inspected in May 2022 and are awaiting our final report.

If you are interested in this position, please see school website for further information and an application form. Applications should show clearly how you fulfil the essential/desirable aspects of the person specification with recent, relevant examples. Applications should be sent to Mrs Alisa Lopez-Adcock e-mail ALopez-Adcock@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

Visits to the school are encouraged; please contact the office to make an appointment office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk or telephone 01763 852474

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Closing date for applications

Thursday 16th June 2022

Interviews

Week commencing 20th June 2022

Start date

1st September 2022

PTA News

May Lottery Club winners are:

1st:	19	Emma Phillips	£15.40
2nd:	17	Emma Phillips	£11.98
3rd:	108	Nicolle Plaiche	£8.56

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners!

Thanks to Mrs Seward for making sure the draw was done fairly and properly!

Thanks again for your support.

Your PTA



The Late Lunch Pudding Competition! Sunday 5th June

Create your own scrumptious pudding!!

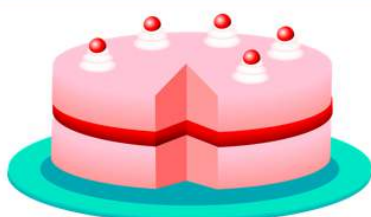
Steamed or Baked - Layered or Rolled

Pie or Crumble?

Let the judges decide what's fit for a Jubilee Queen!

Please bring your delicious desserts to Steeple
Morden Village Hall

Entry open from 2.30 closes at 3.30



Café Church is back!

This friendly café runs every Friday morning 9-11 during term time in Steeple Morden Church

Tea, coffee, home-made cake

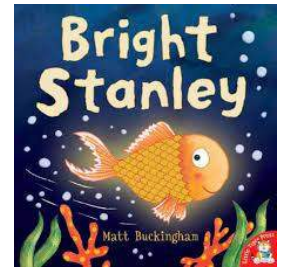
Toys and lots of space for little ones

Do join us after school drop-off



News from Owl Class (Year 2)

This week we have written our own versions of 'Bright Stanley,' introducing characters, description, dialogue and thinking of imaginative ways of ending our stories.



Thank you to Mrs Waterer who came to visit us on Wednesday and taught our Guided Reading session all about sharks. This was fun and informative and will be a great springboard for us to use for after half term when we begin a focus on writing an information text.

The children have again worked with so much care and patience, paying great attention to the detail in their underwater worlds. They are going to make a fantastic display! We have thought carefully about the different ways we can add texture using a range of collage techniques – cutting, tearing, folding, scrunching and twisting paper.



Art straws and dowel have meant we could think about adding movement to our designs too.



We will collect in homework folders this week but will continue to send home reading folders so that the children can continue with their reading over the holiday.

We will be sending home all PE kits for a wash.

Wishing you all a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 7th June when we will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Remember to send your child into school wearing items of clothing which can be red, white and blue.

**Mrs Luebcke, Mrs Daniels
and the Year 2 team**



News from Peacock Class (Year 3)

In Year Three, we have had a floral, creative week. The main focus of our learning this week has been about the artists Georgia O'Keeffe and Rachel Ruysch.

Both of these artists are well known for their flower painting, but their styles could not be more different. When looking at O'Keeffe we thought carefully about her use of colour and simplicity of line, with Ruysch we considered her attention to detail.



We thought carefully about what we would need to do to work in the style of the artist, with O'Keeffe we needed to use simple lines and strong colours in order to do this we experimented with using complimentary or opposite complimentary colour depending on the effect we wanted to create. We needed to be bold and confident in our work.

When working like Ruysch we needed to look very carefully at the flowers and draw accurately for line and shape. Matching colour was important. For this, we developed our observational drawing skills.

We discussed our personal feelings about the work and considered if the artist had portrayed what they set out to achieve. One of the artists said... 'I want to force people to stop, take time and look and really look and understand flowers'. But, which do you think it was? Which one would you spend more time looking at?



To conclude our Tudor work we had a special music day. During the day, we learnt about the events of the Spanish Armada, and then set about composing our own piece of music to tell the story.

In Maths, we concluded our work on time by adding and subtracting times, in order to solve real life problems, as well as telling time to the minute in order to work out durations of time. Duration of time is the area, that when asked, most children felt they needed more support. If you get chance please ask how long something will take, how do you know, how can you work it out?

In English, we finished our Tudor diary writing, checking that we had used all the features of a diary that we had identified when starting this unit of work. We also used learning from September to write short biographies for O'Keeffe and Ruysch.



In French, we finished our letters and gathered together our items to send to our new penpals. We hope to hear back from them in the next few weeks.

After half term, we will be thinking about 1940s Ashwell; as part of this we will have our last dress up day (date to be confirmed). Again please do not go out buying or ordering expensive costumes, the children enjoy the home made ones; it is all just for a bit of fun to help the children remember their leaning and give them some context.

Weekly home activities

- **Reading**, please aim for at least 4x weekly noting what has been read in reading diary.
- Books and diary **must be** in school daily please.
- **Mathletics and Spelling Frame** are up and ready with set work for the children, logins for both are in reading diaries
- **Tackling Tables** practise.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term and jubilee celebrations.

Mrs Seward and Miss Smith



An interview with... the Ducklings!

Our Year 3 journalists interviewed the new arrivals, Lotstar Neill, Sparky, McFlappy and Silvie about their favourite things.

Harlee: Hello and thank you for letting us interview you. Who is the oldest?

Lotstar Neill: Me, and Silvie is the youngest

Lucas: How old are you?

Lotstar Neill: we are all between 4 and 5 days old

Lucus: Do you have any hobbies?

Ducklings together: pooping and swimming

Lucus: What is your favourite stroke?

McFlappy: Ducky paddle (others nod in agreement)

Lawrence: What is your favourite food?

Sparky and Lotstar Neill: Paperclips, poo, fingers, hair, and a bit of duck food.

Harlee: What is your favourite book?

Lotstar Neill: Farmer Duck because I want to be like him, brave and fearless!

Silvie: The Ugly Duckling, I am small so I can relate to her but I am not ugly!

Sparky: Beatrix Potter of course! Jemima Puddle Duck is my hero.

McFlappy: I cannot read yet.

Lucus: What is your favourite colour? (Lucus places assorted colour pencils in front of the ducklings to choose)

Sparky: Green

McFlappy: Red

Lotstar Neill: Grey

Silvie: All of them like a rainbow.

Harlee: What is your favourite thing about Steeple Morden Primary School?

Ducklings: Well, it must be the Spa with the luxury pool, it even has an island! The wonderful children with smiling faces and lots of cuddles.

Lucus: How many times do you poo in a day?

Ducklings: Too many to count.

Lawrence: Will you stay at Steeple Morden school forever?

Lotstar Neill: Unfortunately, not, we will be going to live on a farm owned by the parents of a pupil and will join the ducklings born last year, we are extremely excited.

Harlee: Have you met Mrs Meridew before? (Mrs Meridew eagerly watching the ducklings)

Ducklings together: Yes, she is ABSOLUTELY QUACKERS!



Portrait of the Queen!



1952



2022

In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we would like to invite all children to design a portrait of Her Majesty.

You can sketch the portrait using pencils, pastels, you can paint or use collage, the choice is yours!

Can we please ask that all portraits be on an A4 sheet of paper or card so that we can make a whole school display of the artwork. We might even send some to Buckingham Palace!

Your finished pieces of work can be brought into classes on the first day back after the holiday - **Tuesday 7th June**.

Please add a name and class to the back of your artwork.

We look forward to seeing the finished creations!

Steeple Morden Flower Festival

As part of Steeple Morden's jubilee celebrations, the church is holding a flower festival from Friday 3rd June to Sunday 5th June from 11am to 4pm. We were very pleased to be invited to take part in this.

In an assembly we looked at the work of Dutch flora painter Rachel Ruysch who paints beautiful still life paintings of flowers. In her work she represents the passing of time by including blooms that wouldn't appear together in nature.

We used her work as inspiration for our own flower creation.

Classes made different elements of the work, some made objects that represent the monarch, others made the flowers and some made charms to represent key events during the Queen's 70-year reign.

To see our masterpiece, please visit the church during the jubilee weekend.



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WHERE'S WINNIE?

Winnie and her Corgi friends have escaped from the
palace and are hiding around

Steeple and Guilden Morden villages

They are waiting to be found by preschool, primary
and junior school children during

their half term week

If you find one bring it and the label to the W.I. stall
at the Guilden Morden celebrations on Thursday 2nd
June, or to the raffle stall at Steeple Morden on
Sunday 5th June

Where you will receive a small reward

(Only one reward per child)

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INSPIRING WOMEN



BOOK FAIR



Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd June
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Please support our Book Fair - every book sold means FREE BOOKS for our classrooms and library.

Children will be able to look at the books on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd during school time, with parents welcome to look at the books at the above days/times.

There is an option for parents to view the books and pay online - go to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>

This link is available from 2nd June until 4pm on 22nd June. Our Fair ID is 1216456. You can also pay using the QR code (right).



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit travellingbooks.co.uk/pay

News from Swift Class (Year 4)

We have been looking at manipulating numbers with decimal places in our Maths lessons. We also all trialed the test system in preparation for the upcoming national government multiplication test in June.

The Government say, *"The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support. It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete."*

Working with your child at home (with tackling tables cards and with their set of personal fact cards), to regularly revise specific multiplication facts which they are unsure about, will help them to do their best. This excerpt of a 12x12 multiplication grid shows that those facts in green are often well known, those in amber are known, but recall may not be instant, and those in red may be trickier to remember and need a concerted effort. If these facts are practised little and often they

are more likely to be recalled and committed to memory when compared to having a just one long session

2x6=12	3x6=18	4x6=24	5x6=30	6x6=36	7x6=42	8x6=48	9x6=54	10x6=60	11x6=66	12x6=72
2x7=14	3x7=21	4x7=28	5x7=35	6x7=42	7x7=49	8x7=56	9x7=63	10x7=70	11x7=77	12x7=84
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2x12=24	3x12=36	4x12=48	5x12=60	6x12=72	7x12=84	8x12=96	9x12=108	10x12=120	11x12=132	12x12=144

once a week. Those facts in grey should be known if you have already learnt the related fact e.g. you know 12x8 if you already know 8x12.

If you search for 'Pinpoint times tables' this will take you to a website children are familiar with, where they can practise their times tables, it also produces a useful summary to help your child focus on multiplication facts they are not yet secure with <https://www.themathsfactor.com/times-tables-check/pinpoint/#/> The Government has produced information for parents about the multiplication check here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

Our work in Science has been about comparing the diet of different animals. Children worked together to produce presentations on carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

In our Geography lessons we have also looked at how the atmosphere helps prevent some of the sun's energy escaping back into space and how the composition of the atmosphere has been changing overtime due to various factors. We are looking at how we can use energy efficiently and reduce our carbon footprint.



Next half term we look forward to studying the Anglo Saxons and their settlement of Britain.

Have an enjoyable break - let's hope for good weather!

Mr Beavan & the Year Four Team

News from Heron Class (Year 5)

In Year Five, we are all looking forward to the half term break and have continued to work hard in the run up to it this week. In Maths, we have begun to work on adding and subtracting decimals and have made a very positive start.

In English, we have continued our work on discussion texts. Our writing will be outlining and exploring all viewpoints around the issue of developing tourism in Antarctica, we are pleased with the work that has been produced so far.

We also spent some time this week reminding children about the importance of staying safe and being aware of their personal boundaries. We delivered this message in line with the NSPCC's PANTS campaign. More information is available on the NSPCC website for anyone who would like to reinforce this message at home <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



Finally, we spent some time on Thursday making decorations and preparing for our Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the first day back after half term. Year Five worked on some collage pictures of the Queen and some Union Jack paper chains that will be on display in the classroom and around the school. At the time of writing, these collages are still incomplete but an idea of the finished product that we are aiming for is included here!



Have a great half term break,
The Year 5 Team

Musical Moments: Music from around the World

Following the popularity of last half term's composer, in this Musical Moment we continue our journey around the world to Zimbabwe and find out about the 'Queen of Mbira', Stella Chiweshe, born in 1946.

What is the Mbira? Find out in the clip below! In this video, you get to actually watch Stella performing her own piece of music - **Rwavasekuru**.

'Stella picked up the Mbira in her twenties, at a time when women were not allowed to play the instrument, and at a time when the British colonial regime had banned all Zimbabwean cultural practices: playing the mbira was punishable by prison. She went on to become an important figure in the development of Zimbabwean music and established The Chivanhu Project, a cultural centre near Zimbabwe's capital, Harare, that is aimed at preserving and teaching the heritage of Zimbabwean mbira music. She is now widely known as 'Ambuya Chinyakare' - Grandmother of Traditional Music.'

Have you seen or used a Mbira before? How many notes did the one you saw have? What instrument is it most like? Which instruments do you think might have been inspired by the traditional Mbira?

Link:

<https://youtu.be/rPWmWk8uv-I>



News from Puffin Class (Year 6)

This week we have been continuing to focus on our writing. The children have planned, drafted and written their own autobiographies. They have enjoyed doing this and I have enjoyed listening to some of their anecdotes about events that have happened to them.



In addition, recently, we have spent a bit of time making our own versions of Ancient Greek sandals during DT lessons. Back in March, we looked at examples of modern and ancient sandals before planning our own designs. The children have put in a lot of thought and effort into designing their prototypes before making their final versions using, predominately, faux leather and cardboard, and securing them by either stitching or gluing together with a glue gun. Look at some of the attached photos of the

children making and wearing some of the sandals.



A reminder that the Stibbington trip will take place on 15 June so the children will need to wear their own old clothes, which they do not mind getting dirty or wet. We will be planning to wade in a stream and explore riverbanks, so they will need to come in appropriate clothing and footwear (eg: wellies (in a plastic bag) and waterproof jackets). Thank you.



Next term, the final half term at primary school for the children, will be a busy one – more details to follow. Have a peaceful and enjoyable week off next week, and the children will need to rest and have some 'me' time after their exertions during the revision for and the SATs exams. There will be no homework set over the half term.

Don't forget that I will be starting a Year 6 Cricket/Rounders Club from 3.15 to 4.15, every Monday, from Monday 13 June for five weeks. If you would like your child to take part please check the Parentmail letter from earlier in the week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Baker and the Year 6 Team





SPACES
AVAILABLE

SMARTIES OUT OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB MONDAY 30TH MAY - 1ST JUNE 2022

MONDAY

ACTIVITY:
MAKE & CREATE
JUBILEE PARTY
DECORATIONS,
BUNTING, FLAGS,
TABLE CENTRE PIECE
AND CROWNS

FOOD:
FISH & CHIPS
JELLY & ICE CREAM

TUESDAY

ACTIVITY:
DESIGN & MAKE YOUR
OWN JUBILEE T SHIRT
TIE & DYE OR FABRIC
PAINT
CLAY CREATIONS OF
LONDON LANDMARKS
BIG BEN, LONDON EYE,
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
TOWER BRIDGE

FOOD:
CHICKEN PIE & MASH
WITH PEAS
JAM SPONGE &
CUSTARD

WEDNESDAY

ACTIVITY:
JUBILEE SPORTS DAY
EGG & SPOON RACE
SACK RACE, OBSTACLE
COURSE, RUNNING
RACES AND TOSS THE
RING
QUEEN JUBILEE PARTY
& GAMES

FOOD:
PARTY FOOD

OPEN TO AGES 3 - 11 - FUN FOR ALL AGE GROUPS - SO COME ALONG!



COME AND JOIN IN OUR JUBILEE THEMED HOLIDAY CLUB

FEES*:

9AM - 1.30AM SESSION - £16
(HALF DAY LUNCH INCLUDED)

1.30PM - 6PM - £14 (HALF DAY NO LUNCH)

9AM - 3PM SESSION - £20 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

9AM - 6PM SESSION - £30 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

*CANCELLATION FEES APPLY PLEASE SEE BOOKING FORM

EMAIL: SMARTIESOOSCLUB@GMAIL.COM TO REGISTER
YOUR INTEREST ASAP

WE WOULD ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO BRING BIKES & SCOOTERS
HOWEVER SAFETY HELMETS MUST BE WORN.
ELECTRICAL DEVICES CAN BE BROUGHT ALONG BUT THEY WILL BE TIME LIMITED AND
GAMES MUST BE 'AGE APPROPRIATE' FOR YOUR CHILD.
PLEASE PROVIDE A REFILLABLE BOTTLE OF WATER WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME



OFSTED
REGISTERED

SMARTIES OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB UNFORTUNATELY CAN NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE OF PERSONAL ITEMS



**JOIN
NOW!**

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 2+

**Contact the team today to arrange
a visit!**

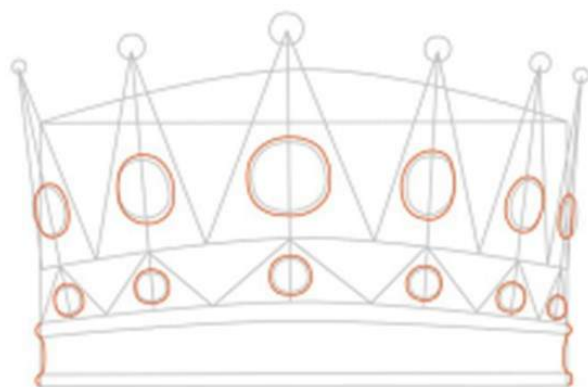
Call: 07984935193

or email:

admin@litlingtonpreschool.net

St Catherine's Create a Crown Competition

All crowns on display at
Book Cafe June 4th 10-12
From 12.30 Jubilee Lunch



Bring your crown to the
church between 3pm & 5pm
on Friday 3rd June

Age group prizes



‘Fit for our Queen’

Saturday 4th June Litlington Jubilee Walk and Lunch

Starting 10am at

St Catherine's Church

2 mile walk with a quiz (bring a pencil)

ending at the Church's Book Café

Jubilee Lunch served from 12.30pm

Coronation Chicken roll and Pimms/beer/wine

£10 adult £6 children(non alcoholic drink)

Vegan option available

Bring your own picnic blanket/table or make use of the pews

Crowns judged at noon

Tickets at the Post Office until June 1st

Not keen on coronation chicken? Join with your own picnic, there will be a bar!

St. Catherine's Litlington

Create a Crown Fit for our Queen

Competition entry form

Entry details; please bring your home made three dimensional crown to St Catherine's Litlington on Friday 3rd June 3-5pm or Saturday 4th June from 9.30am to 11am for Judging. Prizes to be announced 12 midday in four age categories. Crowns may be collected at the picnic or on Sunday morning at the family service or afterwards until 11.30am.

5years and under 6-8years 9-12years 13years and over.

Name.....Age.....

Parent contact and telephone number

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**SUNDOWN
SCREENS**

Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee

Litlington Outdoor Cinema

Litlington Recreational Ground

Friday 3rd June

**Bring your
own picnic
and
blanket**



FREE EVENT

**All ages
welcome**

Gates open at 2pm

Film starts at 3pm

Kindly sponsored by:

**Litlington Parish Council, Litlington Fete
Committee, and local business Steward Bullard
& Son Grounds Maintenance Contractors**

SAVE THE DATE!



SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022

STEEPLE MORDEN RECREATION GROUND

LIVE MUSIC, BBQ, GAMES AND A WHOLE LOAD OF FUN!

Community News

Events / Adverts / Messages posted on our website Community Page

Smarties Preschool
Litlington Preschool
Helen O-Grady Drama Classes
MF Tennis Coaching
Norwich City Football Club community clubs
St Ives Town Football Club Tots Programme
Stage Right Centre for Performing Arts classes
Bonfitness Pilates
Multi Active Holiday Childcare
Steeple Morden Tennis Classes
May half term French Holiday Club
May half term Netball camp
May half term Athletics camp

To find out more please go to the Community page on the Website: <https://www.steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk/community>

"Peace is not something you wish for. It is something you make, something you are, something you do, and something you give away."

Robert Fulghum

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