

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have had a very busy and productive week. In Cherry Class, the children have been locating different countries across Europe and developing their map skills in doing so. As part of our Science topic, Rowan class each planted a sunflower seed last week. They were so excited to see that most had already germinated and are growing more each day. They are keeping a close eye on whose is the tallest, a prize is at stake!

**Writing Moderation**

This week, our Year 1, Year 2 and Y5/6 class teachers have been working alongside other class teachers in our CAST family of schools to moderate writing. Moderation is used to ensure that teachers are making consistent judgements about standards, so that assessment judgements made for any one pupil are accurate, fair and comparable with those made for all other pupils.

**St Joseph's Choir**

St Joseph's new choir have been busy learning a coronation song for the celebrations next Friday. Mrs Monks is delighted with the enthusiasm so far and it is wonderful to have Miss English playing the piano during the sessions.

**King's Coronation Celebration - Friday 5th May**

A reminder that our Coronation Celebration day is fast approaching on Friday 5th May. We are excited to celebrate with the children. As part of this we are staging a royal parade! Please could you support your child to make a crown which they are able to wear to take part in our parade. Please can all children bring their designed crown creations in on the day. At 2.45, we warmly invite parents to gather at school and watch their children for a coronation parade at 3pm. (Please check on the day whether this will be inside or outside). As part of our coronation celebration, Sycamore class will take part in a joint parade with the residents of Exmouth house and sing traditional songs with them in the morning.

**A British tea party for all children.** During the afternoon, we will serve the children a traditional cream tea. We welcome donations per family from the list that we sent out before Easter: *Oak/Acorn/Rowan – Scones; Sycamore/Cherry – Sandwiches; Maple/Beech - Fairy cakes*. If you have more than one child in school, then please just choose one plate. *Please tell your class teacher if you are willing to arrive at 2pm to help distribute food to the children.*

**RNLI**

This morning, Key Stage 1 and 2 and Foundation have had a safety talk from the RNLI. They learnt to recognise the different flags and what to do if they get into trouble in the water.

**Attendance**

A big 'well done' to Maple Class for 100% attendance this week!

**This week's Gospel Value – Kindness**

This week, we have thought about how Jesus showed kindness and how we could show this in our everyday lives.

I wish you all a restful Bank Holiday weekend and hope that you get a chance to truly enjoy the sunshine.

I look forward to welcoming Years 1, 5 and 6 on Tuesday and the rest of our school family on Wednesday following the industrial action day.

Mrs Stephens

**Diary dates:**

1<sup>st</sup> May – May Bank Holiday

5<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Celebration Day

8<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Bank Holiday

w/b 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS

w/b 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 SATS

29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June – May Half Term Holiday

6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Trip to Powderham Castle

19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 5/6 Residential

30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Trip to Lyme Regis

**Headteacher Awards:** Rowan class - Zara, Finley; Cherry Class – Rory; Beech Class – Jacob, Ellis.

**Gold Awards:** Sycamore Class – Carly.

**Silver Awards:** Oak Class – Albie, Aredhel, Halle, Murphy, Max, Albert, Sophie; Rowan Class – Aaron, Archie.

**Bronze Awards:** Maple Class – Harrison, Louie, Arthur, Art.

**Stars of the week:** Oak class- Yasmin; Rowan class - Remy; Sycamore class – Noah; Cherry class - Evan; Maple class – Oliver; Beech class - Ellis