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Dear Parents,

Things were a little different at lunch time yesterday: we set our tables up for our own street party style dining experience in the playground in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday. We enjoyed celebrating the special day in this way and even had a visitor from the local press to capture the moment. Happy Birthday to Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain.



Mrs Gaynor said: "As part of our new curriculum we spend some time promoting fundamental British Values through our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Curriculum. We specifically discuss democracy, rules, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance. We couldn't let this special occasion of the Queen's birthday go by without celebrating it in some way and so we had a fantastic time making bunting and organising our own mock street party in our school playground."

Look out for the article in next week's Standard. (Some of you may already have had a sneak preview via our Twitter account and our school website.)

We will be marking the occasion again on Friday June 10th with a celebration coffee morning where we are setting out to impress you with a red, white and blue theme to our cakes.

There are two forthcoming election dates which are noted on the school calendar on the school website (5th May and 23rd June). On these days the hall will be out of use and a picnic style lunch will be served.

Details will come out to you next week of the price for our first Supper Party. The School Council came up with the idea and the date has been set as 16th June. At 5pm we will be serving an Italian themed meal as a fun fundraising event. We hope you will join us for this.

Pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 have their formal tests in May and these will be followed by tests for children in Year 3, 4 and 5. Our internal assessments help us to ensure that we have an accurate measure of each child's year on year progress to support the teacher assessment and moderation of work that takes place throughout the school year. You play an important role in this by your regular support of homework tasks, reading and projects.

Year 1 pupils will be having their phonic screening check in the week beginning 13th June. We are really pleased with the way they have worked to ensure they can use their phonics knowledge to read real and alien words and know that they have benefitted from the regular reading and word practice they have completed at home this year.

Did you read about the Christmas book gifts arriving in Uganda during our Spring Break holiday? The parcel had been subject to a number of checks by Customs and had been to Uganda and back again a few times, but thanks to the perseverance of Nicky Bolton who supports our work they have now been safely delivered. Some lovely photos of their arrival are on our website for your perusal.

Reminder: The children look really smart in their uniform, but we need to remind you about ensuring your child does not return to school after a holiday with what we call a 'holiday haircut'. If you have any questions about this please pop in and speak to Ms Finch.

Kindest regards,

Sue Finch

P.S Dinner menu next week is week1.