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Weekly Newsletter  
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### Spotlight on Maths

It has been lovely to see lots of collaborative learning throughout school this week. In Foundation stage they have been looking at making patterns and different ways to make them repeating. In KS1, children have been working on fluency in their addition and subtraction unit. In KS2, Year 5 have been learning all about fractions where they have been converting mixed numbers into improper fractions. As a school we are seeing real developments in our maths skills where the children are now discussing how they are solving problems.



### King's Coronation

As we know, on the 6th May it is the King's Coronation. We will be celebrating this in school on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. Children are invited to bring baked goods from home to sell in our school hall at our bake sale between 3:30 - 4pm. Children are also invited to wear blue, red and white as we will be having a non - uniform day. We are also holding a competition where children can design a crown. If they can write a short description about their crown that would be great. The winners will be announced on Friday in assembly. Good luck!

### Dates for the diary

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Bank holiday - school closed

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Teacher strike (School closed for EYFS, Y2 & Y3 only)

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Non-uniform day

The Great Elsecar Bake Off  
bake sale

**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Bank holiday - school closed

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Class photos

### School Dinner

We will have a special school dinner menu on offer for Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Children can select a ham, cheese (v) or tuna & mayonnaise sandwich or a coronation chicken wrap.

This will be served with other party food.

Please note that there will be no other dinner option on this day.

### Attendance

Well done to this week's winners:  
**Year 6**

School attendance this week: 92.5%

School attendance this year: 93%

School attendance target: 96.5%

### Strike Days

There is another NEU strike day on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Classes closed on this day:

**EYFS, Year 2 & Year 3**

### Spotlight on Year 2

This week we have been honing our arithmetic skills and finding little tricks to help us remember strategies to support our learning. These have been things like circling the maths sign in the middle of a calculation or drawing base ten to help us add and subtract two digit numbers. In Literacy we have been learning about the subordinating conjunctions when, if and because. We used inspiration pictures from our Florence Nightingale topic to construct sentences. We are focusing on how to write a diary entry as though we were Florence Nightingale. In Science we have been looking at seeds and bulbs and what they need to be able to germinate successfully. We also started planning our enquiry into observing the growth of seeds under different conditions over time. We have focused on learning the language of experiments such as prediction, hypothesis and method.