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This week, has been relatively quiet in school but the children have continued working enthusiastically on their new work. This term, we have been focussing on our school learning value: Communication.

For our WWO work, the children take it turns to take the baton home, do a task at home and then share it with their class. Here is Elwood sharing his brilliant home task. Well done Elwood - we thought this was brilliant! In assemblies, we have been exploring the skills that children need to become a good communicator and have been promoting good manners and politeness. Each week, we have recognised the children who consistently demonstrate good manners. Well done all of you!

Special Days Coming Up - 7th February

This year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year celebrating 70 years of her reign. In the summer term, our annual Enrichment Week will focus on Kings and Queens in British history and we will have lots of fun celebrations and activities to mark this special time. The 6th February marks the day that the Queen became Queen in 1952. On **Monday 7th February**, the children will spend the day focussing on finding out about the young Queen and what life was like in the 1950's. On this day, we would love it if the children would come to school wearing (at least) a homemade crown, and/or dressed as a King or Queen. It would add to the focused learning and fun activities planned. Thank you.

Important Reminder

Please can I remind parents that if you see anything in the community that concerns you or that, in your opinion, you think is odd behaviour then please let us know. All matters relating to the safety of our families and children, is taken very seriously and is dealt with promptly. Thank you.

Alert: Post Covid Illnesses in Children

This week, we were made aware of an illness that some children can develop some weeks after having Covid-19. It is very unusual but it would be useful for you to know the signs if this happened to your child. I was alerted by one of our Bartons parents whose child had developed this recently. This illness is a relatively new one to doctors.

PIMS (Paediatric multisystem inflammatory syndrome) is a severe inflammatory condition that requires urgent care. It can occur in children under the age of 18 years old. It happens when the child has been infected with COVID-19 in the previous 4-6 weeks or has had contact with an infected person.

Signs to look for are:

- Prolonged very high fever
- Abnormally fast heart rate
- Conjunctivitis ('pink eye') and/or widespread rash
 - Cracked lips and/or strawberry red tongue
- Diarrhoea, tummy pain and vomiting
- Dizziness

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Parents should take their children to A&E as soon as possible if they suspect their child has this illness.

Important Dates Coming Up

8th February: Safer Internet day

21st - 25th February: HALF TERM

28th February: INSET Day School Closed for pupils.

1st March: Book Week - details to follow this term

3rd March: World Book Day

11th March: Creative Arts Day

18th March: Red Nose Day

8th April: Last Day of Term

Next years term dates and INSET days (2022 - 2023) are now on the school website calendar.

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Have a good weekend! Best wishes Kate Powell