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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

What a busy week it has been! We are one week into our annual Sports Fortnight and we've enjoyed many sports including: Curling, Cricket, Cheerleading, Tennis and Skateboarding. As always, our children have thrown themselves into participating in new and exciting opportunities and have received many compliments from different sports coaches throughout the week. Well done children!

We are looking forward to taking part in our second week as next week is National School Sports Week, so we will be joining many schools from across the UK and continuing to discover different ways to stay active. We will end our week on Friday with Sports Day; we are of course disappointed that we cannot invite parents/carers to join us, however, we will update our twitter page throughout the day to keep you updated.

On Thursday, our Year 4 children went swimming for the first time this academic year. The class were very excited to get on the double decker bus and displayed excellent behaviour whilst at the Forum. Swimming is a critical life skill which could one day be lifesaving, we ask that during the summer holiday, please take the opportunity to utilise free child swimming sessions, we will send details of these swimming sessions to you as soon as we receive it.

Finally, I am sure many of you will be gripped to the television this evening for the Euros. I'm sure Miss Gavin and Mrs Kelly will be routing for Scotland!

Have a great weekend.

MISS E SIMMONS

Congratulations to our Gold Award Winners!



Reflection

Sunday 20th June is Father's Day – a day for celebrating the special men in our lives. This includes our dads and grandads, but also our father figures – people who aren't our dads, but love and look after us anyway (like St Joseph to Jesus!)

We can also celebrate priests as father figures for our whole community and our Heavenly Father, God, who loves and cares for us more deeply than any father on earth.

*Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.*

*Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom;
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to
do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love.
Amen.*





In the Spotlight!

We have had a wonderful week in Reception as it has been Sports Week across the whole school. We have had the opportunity to try lots of different sports such as Cricket, Tennis and Archery. Miss Simmons and her team mates very kindly came in to teach us some cheerleading moves on Tuesday which we thoroughly enjoyed.



We learnt how to jump, cheer and dance with the help of the excellent coaches. Our favourite part was of course

shaking our pom poms to the music!

In class we have been enjoying our new topic 'Jurassic Park' where we have been learning all about different dinosaurs. We read the story 'How to Grow a Dinosaur' by Caryl Hart this week. The book is about a boy called Albie who plants some seeds and ends up with a Triassic jungle in his garden filled with dinosaurs! The children loved this story and in their writing groups this week they imagined what other things they could grow. Fisayomi designed a seed packet that would grow 'Rainbow Caterpillars' and Jaxon made a seed packet that would grow a 'gigantic doughnut land'.

In Maths the children have been comparing the height and weight of different toy dinosaurs. Firstly, they had to estimate which dinosaur was heavier or taller and then measure them using the weighing scales or the rulers. The



children had to work together in small groups taking turns using the equipment and recording measurements on their whiteboards.



Over the last couple of weeks, we have been closely observing the caterpillars that we have in Reception. An exciting event took place this week as the caterpillars attached themselves to the lid of the container and formed their chrysalises. We cannot wait to see what will happen next!



Sports Week Continues!

We are continuing with our Sports Fortnight and are looking forward to taking part in more sports. This year the theme is 'Together Again'.



Your child should come dressed in their PE kit next week.

When children are physically active:

- They perform better academically
- They have better attendance
- Their behaviour improves

Healthy Eating

The children have enjoyed trying different healthy snacks throughout the week and have found some new favourite snacks.



Children can again bring snacks into school however, children are not allowed to bring confectionary such as chocolate bars, chocolate coated biscuits, sweets and crisps to eat as a morning snack.

Sports Week



Dates for your diary:

June

Monday 21st -Sports Week 2 children to wear PE kits all week

Thursday 24th – Year 4 Swimming

July

Friday 2nd July – School closed Staff

INSET day

Friday 16th July – School closes for Summer



Important Reminder

As you may be aware Greater Manchester has moved to an **Enhanced Response Area** due to the rise of Covid-19 cases in the region. In Manchester, the Covid-19 infection rates are rapidly increasing alongside neighbourhood boroughs of Trafford and Stockport.

It is essential that we continue to do all we can to prevent transmission and encourage those around us who are eligible to take up vaccinations. Close contact continues to carry a risk of catching or spreading COVID-19, and people must consider the risk to themselves and to others.

If any member of your household develops Covid-19 symptoms then you **MUST** book a test immediately and please **DO NOT** send your child to school. If any member of the household has symptoms then **ALL** members of your household must isolate whilst waiting for the test result. Out of school hours or at the weekend please email us immediately if your child develops any **symptoms** or has a **positive test result**. Please use the Covid email address below:

covid@st-elizabeths.manchester.sch.uk

NHS COVID Line: 111 for advice on symptoms

To find and book a test visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

