



# PANSHANGER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Holt BEd. (Hons).

15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents,

## Celebration



Many thanks to all the parents who helped the children dress up and come to school ready to celebrate the King's Coronation. Each class completed a range of activities linked to the monarchy and then they met together in their Buddy groups where the older children helped their younger buddies make a simple crown. A great activity that seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. Unfortunately, we were not able to have our lunch outside as it had rained heavily during the morning, but the children did manage to go outside for a longer playtime a little later.

## SATs

As previously explained, last week the children in Year 6 completed their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) in English and Maths. They all 'survived' and a few even said they quite enjoyed the week. They were allowed to come to school a bit earlier and have a light breakfast, play games, listen to music which seemed to help take away any nerves and get them ready for the day. We will not receive the Year 6 results until July and these will be shared with the children as soon as we receive them.

SATs are a small measure of any child; they measure some of their academic learning in English and Maths but this is not the measure of the whole child. There is not a SAT in Art, PE or Music, subjects where many children excel. SATs do not measure the 'whole child' or the progress each individual has made throughout their journey through primary school.

Light relief for Year 6 this week, as we head off to the Isle of Wight for 5 days.



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## Farewell

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Harsent at the end of this half term - her last day will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Mrs Harsent has worked with all the children in the school and they will remember her fondly for her kind nature, infectious laugh and her ability to help them with their learning. She has dedicated the past 17 years to Panshanger Primary School and has been instrumental in moving the school forward in many ways, most recently with her work in the Foundation Stage. She will be greatly missed by staff and children and we wish her all the best for the next chapter in her life.

## Sports

### Mini Marathon

Last week all the children took part in our Guinness World Record attempt where, working alongside many other schools, we pledged to run, walk or jog a mile. Fingers crossed the record will be broken.



### Cricket

Years 5 & 6 worked with Premier Sport to complete a cricket training session and then some competitive matches (the rain affected the Year 6 sessions which will hopefully be finished on a different day). Weather permitting, Years 3 & 4 will have their opportunity this week.

## Swimming

Due to the hard work of members of the PTA and school staff, the swimming pool is ready for the children to start their lessons. We just need the weather to warm up a little. When swimming in school time, all the children are expected to wear a swimming hat, this is to stop hair getting tangled in the filters (which can be a very expensive repair). Swimming hats are available to purchase from the school office. Rubber hats are £1 and cloth hats £2. Please bring the correct money as we have very little change in school.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Holt

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