



Platinum Jubilee Special Collectors Edition

Dear All,

As promised, Echo Extra brings you, today a very special collectors edition Platinum Jubilee party themed publication of your favourite school newsletter.

On Friday 27th May, Eastbrook Primary kicked off Jubilee celebrations nationwide, with a car park street party of epic proportions. Despite taking place on the last day of the half term and during the working day, over four hundred parents, grandparents and members of the community came to join us for a truly wonderful celebration marking 70 years of hereditary rule for Queen Elizabeth II. This meant that our first school event for more than two years was attended by a total of over 800 hundred people. No wonder our office staff looked tired out! It was a truly brilliant event and I want to say a huge thank you to everyone involved (more thank yous later).



Grub Galore

Every class had the chance to sit down to an absolute feast thanks to the incredibly generous food donations from a great many families. We had so many snacks that I think some children would have happily carried on eating for the whole two hours. Just a few statistics for you: 28 boxes of breadsticks, 200 packets of crisps, over 300 individual fairy cakes, 450 sausage rolls, 380 miniature sausages, nearly 1000 carrot batons, more than 800 sandwiches and 24 whole cucumbers. And that's just the tip of the food mountain. The generosity of our fabulous families was truly humbling to behold. Thank you!



This is just a small selection of the food on offer. One camera lens was simply not big enough to fit it all in.

Fun and Games

Children also took part in a great range of fun jubilee party games. There was Mr. Owen's 'Crown the Queen', huge queues for Mrs. Coppard's 'Pin the Tail on the Corgi', 'End of the Empire Cricket' run by Mr. Miles and who could miss Mrs. Naylor's remarkable 'Tower Bridge limbo'. Thankfully the weather was very kind, meaning that we could enjoy all of these exciting activities in glorious sunshine.



A Special Visitor

No Platinum Jubilee party would be complete without a guest of honour. Luckily, Queen Elizabeth II herself found time in her very busy schedule to grace us with her presence and agreed to not only welcome visitors at the school gate, but also pose for photos with many of our classes. Not bad for a person of 96! She even gave Mr. Wade a Hi-5.



Sustainability

A few days before the celebration, Mrs. Walker approached Mr. Wade and Mrs. Morgan with her science and sustainability hat on, to ask how we would ensure that our event produced as little waste as possible. We agreed to try to recycle, reuse and reduce whatever we possibly could and to compost all the leftover food. The result, as you can see below, was just one plastic bag of rubbish to go to landfill. Amazing!



We did learn a valuable lesson, however, about waste at Eastbrook. Many children throw away fully sealed packaging with food still inside it and have no idea how to decide what can be recycled, reused, reduced and composted. This means a big job ahead of us as we aim to be a permanently low waste school.

Thank you one and all.

For an event this big to work, it needs a very special team of people to pull it off. Eastbrook is blessed with an amazing staff and some wonderful volunteers.

Thank you, therefore, to:

- ◆ The office staff for coordination, food organisation and 'keeping it all together'
- ◆ Key members of Friends of Eastbrook who worked on the tea stand all day and were in school from 8am until most people had gone home
- ◆ Mrs. Naylor, Mrs. Coppard, Mr. Owen and Mr. Miles for running their games and keeping so many children busy all afternoon
- ◆ Mr. Squires for table carrying and setting up the PA
- ◆ Mr. Trower and Mr. Owen for the amazing music mix
- ◆ Many Y6 children for their help carrying tables
- ◆ Mrs. Walker and her team for some amazing recycling
- ◆ Ms. Bradley and Mr. Owen for writing the quizzes
- ◆ Our EYFS staff for hosting a wonderful picnic
- ◆ Various member of the wider school community who helped out on the day
- ◆ Mrs. Geden for some great dressing up
- ◆ Mrs. Morgan for absolutely giving it her all!

Term Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2022—25th April-20th July

Friday 17th June	Y2	Donkey and Beach WOW Day
6th-24th June	Y1/ Y2	Phonics Screening Window
6th-24th June	Y4	Times Table Checks
Friday 24th June	Y1	Drusillas zoo trip
Friday 24th June	EYFS	Sports Day
Wednesday 29th June	Y5	Fun Day at Shoreham Academy
Friday 1st July	YR—Y2	Hedgehog visit
Friday 1st July	Y1-6	Sports Day 12:30-2:45pm
Monday 4th July	Y6	Chessington trip
4-8th July	Y1-6	Swimming Gala week
Wednesday 13th July	Y4	Weald and Downland Visit
13th & 14th July	Y6	Summer Show—'Aspen'
Friday 15th July	Whole School	Summer Fair (& Y6 Leavers' party)