

June 2016

Year 4 Newsletter

A Broken Gnome

This month Year 4 children are celebrating the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death. This has started in rather an exciting way with a crime scene in the Forest School Area. A broken garden gnome was found with various pieces of evidence for the children to interpret. It turns out that the local gnome population of our school are either Red Hat gnomes or Blue Hat gnomes and both absolutely hate each other. This has been made tricky by two young gnomes, one red hatted girl and one blue hatted boy who have fallen in love. The children have deduced that they are linked to Romeo and Juliet, one of Shakespeare's most famous plays and are currently trying to work out how to resolve the Blue/Red Hat conflict.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 1st July – Summer Fayre
Tuesday 12th July – Houses or Parliament Trip
Wednesday 13th July/Thursday 14th July – Transition days
"Shakespeare Rocks!" - Y4 End of Year Performance Wed 20th July at 2pm and Thursday 21st July 9.15pm

PE Kit - Please make sure your child has an outdoor and indoor PE kit in school every day.

Happy Birthday Your Majesty!

On Friday 10th June, Oak Hill was a sea of red white and blue as the children dressed up to celebrate the Queen's 90th Official Birthday. Fabulous equipment was put out on the front and back playgrounds, and more terrific things to do were on the field. The children climbed, balanced, jumped, threw things and ran all afternoon. Everybody behaved beautifully and had a wonderful time, and at the end we sang the National Anthem in the hall and then went back to our classrooms for birthday cake. ☺ What a fantastic day! ☺



London Trip to The Houses of Parliament

It was announced this week that on 12th July Year 4 are going on an amazing trip to somewhere Mrs Smith, Mrs Irvine and Mrs Stanton have never been - the seat of government where all the laws are made, The Houses of Parliament. The children are already very excited. Can you find out some facts about the government, and how important these famous buildings are?

Reading at home - Encourage your child to ask questions about the book they are reading. Don't forget to sign their reading records so we can award them the 3 x a week reading certificates.

Help at Home

The children have been busy working towards their targets. You could help them achieve their targets by:

- *Practise Maths Targets by counting on and back in negative numbers and practicing ordering decimals and fractions on a number line.*
- *Practise Writing Targets by looking for apostrophes when reading and discussing what they are used for. Are they for omission or possession? Try writing your own sentences with possessive apostrophes.*

Song Words

We have been really busy learning the amazing songs for our end of year production "Shakespeare Rocks" and we sound AMAZING! We will be sending home some lyrics for the songs. Can you help us at home by listening to your budding Justin Beiber, or Ariana Grande performing beautifully?