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Dear Parents and Carers

As many of you will be aware, King Charles III's coronation will take place on Saturday 6 May at Westminster Abbey in London. To recognise this important event, we are planning to hold a variety of British Values themed activities that children across our all through will be able to participate in on the afternoon of Friday 5 May.

The activities will include:



A visit from the Siston Common Parish Church who will be giving a commemorative medal for the coronation to each child in Reception – Year 6.



A variety of British Values based lessons that will focus on mutual respect, tolerance and democracy. There will also be learning opportunities for children to *be Historians* so that they can develop an understanding of the history of the monarchy and the significance of the coronation.



At 11:00am, following a newly formed community partnership with our local Tesco branch (who are very generously donating the food) there will be a celebratory tea party for representatives of our King's Oak alumni, children across our all-through and members of our local Kingswood community.



Opportunities to participate in our 'Big Help Out' sessions at break and lunch time by helping out in the Academy community.



Children are invited to wear either red, white, or blue clothes to school on Friday. *N.B. If your child would prefer, they can choose to continue to wear their normal school uniform (e.g. blue polo/jumpers) as these would also be 'blue' items.*

In addition to these activities, towards the end of the day (weather permitting), we plan to bring the school together for a whole school photograph so that we can re-create a moment from our school archives. When we celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we found a whole school photograph from 1953 when the Kingswood Grammar School gathered to celebrate the Queen's Coronation, therefore, to recognise the King's Coronation in 2023, we would like to create a similar image.

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Understandably, our school has grown significantly since 1953 therefore the image that we create will be slightly different. In our 2023 photograph, we plan to take an aerial (drone) image of our children forming the letters **K O A** (*K = Lower School children, O = Middle School children, A = Upper School children*).

After the photograph has been taken, children will return to their respective class/tutor bases before being dismissed at the end of the school day. We anticipate that children will be able to leave the site between 3 – 3.10pm.

Lastly, we would also like to offer parents and carers an opportunity to be involved with our coronation celebrations in the following ways:



### **Big Help Out**

Join our Student Support Assistant (Josie) who will be completing some spring gardening in the Lower School site and the Upper School garden and allotment areas on Thursday 4 May between 09:00am till 10:30am.



### **Big Help Out**

Donating cakes or support the Friends of King's Oak Academy who will be hosting a Cake and Spring Raffle Sale for parents at the end of the school day on Friday 5 May in both the Lower School playground (please contact Rachel through the Friends of KOA Facebook page if you are able to support!).



### **Long Term – Big Help Out:**

We are regularly looking for volunteers to support our children with their reading. If you / a family relative would like to participate in our volunteer reading programme (either in the Lower or Middle School), please email [angelina.gilardoni@clf.uk](mailto:angelina.gilardoni@clf.uk).



### **Community Networking**

Joining our Coffee Morning (hosted by Nicky Baker) on Thursday 4 May between 09:00am and 10:30am.

I hope that the British Values and Coronation themed afternoon will feel like a positive end to the week, especially for our Year 6 children who will be starting their SATS assessments on Tuesday 9 May.

Should you have any questions about the programme of activities scheduled for the afternoon of Friday 5 May, please call 01179 927127.

Kind regards



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