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Dear Crackley Bank Families,

I hope that you had a good half-term break with your children and that you all managed to celebrate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We had the most amazing week in school and the children absolutely loved learning about Elizabeth II's life and her time as our monarch. The children all contributed towards a card for the Queen and we have posted it off to Buckingham Palace where we are led to believe that we will receive a reply – very exciting! We came together as a whole school to celebrate the Jubilee with a picnic and a special assembly before we left for our half-term break. Click below to see two short videos of our celebrations.

<https://youtu.be/dc5RcCCDou8> and <https://youtu.be/TzqPkNPI60k>

This is the final half-term of this academic year and we have had a very successful year – full of learning, fun and truly seeing the children progress and grow but we still have a few weeks to go before we can get ready for the summer break.

During these last few weeks there will be various things happening including:

- Trips!

We are very much looking forward to getting the children out and about in the big wide world having been grounded for the last two years due to covid! I know some classes have already been off visiting, but if your child's classes are off on a trip this term then we will let you know.

Whilst for curriculum enrichment trips we ask for a donation towards the costs, other experiences fall under our "20 things to do before we leave Crackley Bank," list and these are free of charge to parents. Where we have been unable to book dates that fit with the rest of our school commitments we have tried, where possible, to book a good alternative e.g. "Zoo to You" visited Reception class and Year 2 have a real astronaut who will meet with them via Zoom and the children will interview them about their experiences in space.

This list has been in place for several years, but as we had an enforced gap in them here is a little reminder that can be found on the link

below. https://www.crackleybank.staffs.sch.uk/modules/mod_docman_documents/20 Things to Do Before I Leave Crackley Bank March 2022 update.pdf These trips are based upon developing each child's cultural capital – developing their understanding of the world, taking them to places they may not have been and trying new things. We also have "Try Something Different" week in the autumn term and "Well-being week" in the summer term – as well as a range of experiences running through the



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year. Take a look on the website to find out more

- <https://www.crackleybank.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/curriculum/cultural-capital>

- Sports Day

You will be pleased to know that we are planning on running **Sports Day** this year – with a provisional date of Friday 24th June. We are going to split the day so that Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 compete in the morning and Years 3 to 6 in the afternoon – this isn't linked to covid but purely that we think everyone gets a better experience when places are a little less crowded. Mrs Taylor will be in touch soon with further details.

- Year 6:

In a Cinderella style, Year 6 will go to the ball!!! Mrs Green is in her element organising this year's event and I am sure that the children will have a fantastic time. The Y6 Prom/Party will take place on Thursday 30th June.

There will be many more events to tell you about before we break up please keep your eyes open for emails that will give you all the details you need or, if you are looking for information re: curriculum, holidays dates etc. then don't forget to check the website - <https://www.crackleybank.staffs.sch.uk/> or take a look at our Facebook page for our celebrations and events.

Best wishes

Ms Sara Stevenson

