

I can't believe another week has whizzed by! The teaching staff continue to be amazed by how the children, every week, are becoming more focussed and driven to work hard and succeed in their learning. They all continue to grow in independence which in turn has had a knock-on effect with the amount of work that they produce. Our prompt start to the day is helping and has also had an impact on attitudes to learning, with children focussed as soon as they arrive at school and lessons beginning swiftly after the registers.

We are all excited for the May Day events that the friends have organised for us next week. The dances are practised - all we need now are children in white shirts and dresses and we will be ready! The afternoon starts for the children at 1.30 with all the fun and games of a usual fete. After a drink and an ice cream it will be time for the dancing. Parents only are invited to watch their own children dance, while social distancing around the playground or on the pavement outside the school gates. On Tuesday the Year 5 and 6 children will process from the church at 1.15 before we crown the May King and Queen, Libby and Sonny, at 1.30 at school. Anyone in the village who may be about, please feel free to stop and watch.

Mrs Wimpres continues to be signed off from work and is missed by the children, however we are now in a great routine with Mrs Sanders who is working Monday to Wednesday, with me continuing the week on Thursday and Friday. This arrangement will continue until I have been told otherwise. However, I have been informed by Mrs Wimpres that she will be leaving the school this term to begin a new career later in the summer. This news will come as a shock to many of you who know Mrs Wimpres, she will certainly take some replacing! There is currently an advert out for a KS1 position in our school and I hope to interview candidates in the next few weeks.

We continue to be inundated with new starters in nursery this term, with many more booked to start in the late summer and autumn term. Wrap around care is also proving to be very popular, with children asking to come even when their parents do not need the childcare! For those using the service, can I remind you that children must be picked up by 5pm. Any late pick up will result in a £5 charge.

Have a good weekend.  
Mrs Clough

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## From the Friends of Syresham School (FoSS)

### Mini May Day

We are all looking forward to next weeks Mini May Day Fete Celebrations in School [1.30pm - 3pm](#) for each class bubble (traditional games, ice creams, bouncy castle etc) ... followed by May Pole dancing in the playground at [3pm](#) for parents of each bubble to watch.

[Tuesday 4th May](#) - Year 5/6

[Wednesday 5th May](#) - N/R

[Thursday 6th May](#) - Year 3/4

[Friday 7th May](#) - Year 1/2

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to lend a hand, please could you arrive at 1.15 ready for action.... and let's keep our fingers crossed for a dry week..!

This will be a FREE event in school funded by the FOSS... however donations are always welcome at [www.pta-events.co.uk/thefriendsofsyreshamschool](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/thefriendsofsyreshamschool)

The FOSS are running a “Who can grow the Sunflower competition?” over the course of the summer!

The rules are simple...

Plant your seeds from your World Book Week pack, buy your own variety of seed or just ask your FOSS year rep for some.

Transplant your seedlings to a bigger pot or to your garden.

Water them, look after them and watch them grow!!

Measure them, let us know their progress either on SeeSaw or here on our Facebook page.

Email the final height (with a lovely picture) before September 6th to [thefriendsofsyreshamschool2020@gmail.com](mailto:thefriendsofsyreshamschool2020@gmail.com)

The 3 children with the tallest sunflower will win a lovely gardening prize.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!

**Headteacher Awards this week**

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| <b>Reception</b>    | - Neivah and Josh            |
| <b>Year 1&amp;2</b> | - Zac, Felix and Delilah     |
| <b>Year 3&amp;4</b> | - James, William and Bethany |
| <b>Year 5&amp;6</b> | - Jacob, Charlie and Grace   |

**Birthday coming up this week:**

Charlie P

