# Red Hall Primary School Newsletter March 28th 2023



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### HEADLICE advice

# Wet combing or 'bug busting' method

The 'bug busting' method is an alternative method, devised by the charity <u>Community</u> <u>Hygiene Concern</u>, which avoids the use of insecticides. It aims at systematic removal of live lice by combing through the hair and physically removing any lice found.

After washing the hair, copious amounts of conditioner should be applied and, after detangling with an ordinary wide-tooth comb. With the person sitting upright or leaning over the bath, comb the hair from the roots using a special 'bug buster' finetooth comb, with the teeth of the comb slotting into the hair at the roots with every stroke. After each stroke, the lice should be cleared from the comb.

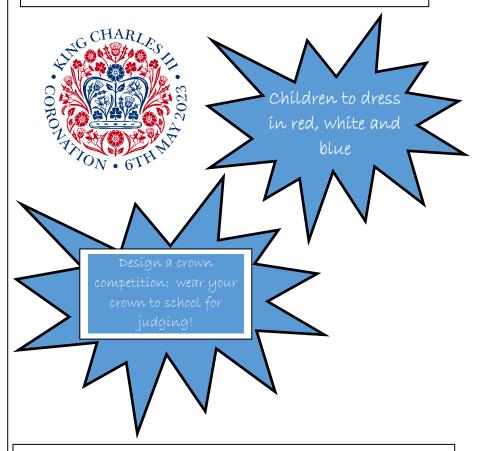
Wet lice find it difficult to escape from this combing. It is hard for them to keep a grip on hair which is slippery with conditioner, and so removal with the comb is easier. The lice should then be wiped on to kitchen paper and disposed of, or simply rinsed away.

This routine should be repeated every three to four days for two weeks so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread. Given that head lice do not lay eggs until about a week after they have hatched, it follows that removing the live lice regularly will result in lice-free children in a fortnight.

Re-infection can, of course, occur if headto-head contact is subsequently made with someone with head lice. Bug buster kits, containing instruction leaflets, five combs (a de-tangler comb and combs for removing baby and adult live and empty shells) and a plastic cape, are re-usable, and are available from some local chemists or from Community Hygiene Concern.

## <u>King's Coronation Picnic – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 1.45pm,</u> <u>Abbey Field Road Park</u>

We can't wait for this fantastic event which we are due to celebrate with you next Friday. We are hoping for good weather, but in the event of poor weather we will have to cancel. We would make this decision in the morning and communicate this via our normal channels.



#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 - Bike and Roll to School Day:

Children can come to school on a bicycle, scooter, trike, skateboard or roller skates. Children will have an opportunity in the day to use their equipment. It is advised that children bring with them safety items (e.g., helmet, knee pads). Parent/carers should ensure that equipment brought into school is in good working order. We have equipment that can be used on the KS1 site, but regrettably not on the KS2 site

