

## Katherine Semar May Day Celebrations



Each year, before the May Day Bank Holiday weekend, we hold our traditional May Day celebrations. This year it will be held on Friday 3rd May at 2pm. This consists of a May Day Procession led by the May Queen, the Green Man, his Page and two children from each class. The May Queen, Green Man and attendants are chosen from Year 2 children.

This year the May Queen is Summer Learmouth-Wilks, the Green Man is Harrison Scraggs and his page is Liam Gilder. Once the procession has circled the playground, the Green Man crowns the May Queen with a circlet of flowers. As three cheers ring out for the Queen, she takes her place on the dais with her attendants.

Our flower carriers are:-

Martha Lewin & Sebastiano Borsetti

Lucas Camp & Naeve Hammond

Elsie Laland Ash & Albert Zhao

Rosie Sillett & Jack Price

Leo Kidman & Maggie Lowe

Jess Pike & Arthur Emerick

The children then provide entertainment for the May Queen. This takes the form of Country Dancing from the Early Years and Year 1 and Maypole Dancing by Year 2. The Maypole Dances are:- Barbers Pole, Sixes and Spider Web.

After the dancing the whole school joins hands in concentric circles and sings a May Day song. The children then return to their classes. The May Queen and attendants then proceed back into school. You are welcome to collect your child from their classroom following the last procession.

All children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 are asked to come to school wearing summery clothes- the girls dresses (not ankle length) and cardigans and the boys plain tops with trousers or shorts and jumpers (no football kits please). Please wear sensible footwear- plimsolls or sandals for the girls but not peep toes, slingbacks or ballet pumps.

The Meadows Nursery children are also invited.

In the event of inclement weather, the celebrations are altered. We still crown the May Queen but, in the hall, not in the playground and we invite the parents of the procession children only to this. We decide at 12 noon if there are any doubts about the weather to enable parents to change their arrangements. If it looks as if the event cannot take place outside, then we will send a Parentmail to inform you.