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“Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was with great sadness that we all heard the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth yesterday evening. After the fabulous Platinum Jubilee celebrations last summer, I am sure that to many people, the Queen was more in mind than ever. As a school, we will be mindful of the effect this news could have on our children and staff and will handle the issue sensitively over the coming days. We will communicate any news or information about potential changes to routines with families as soon as we are able, but in the mean time I am sure that, like us, your thoughts and prayers are with the royal family.



In our first Friday Celebration Assembly of the year we said a very well done to the following children for making the extra effort to impress this week. It was really difficult for teachers to decide with everyone making a great start.

<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Year 2 Brilliant Behaviour: Year 1
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Alice B Brilliant Behaviour: Louis L
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Year 5 Brilliant Behaviour: Year 6

It has been great to welcome the children and families back to school for the start of the new school year. The children have made a great start and really impressed their new teachers in the first few days.

New Classes and starting the New Year

To give everyone the best possible start we want to quickly get back into the normal routines. Sometimes this is difficult when your child starts a new class and things feel a little different. To help with this we will be opening classes up to parents next Thursday (12th September) from 3.15pm at pickup time, so your child can show you round the classroom, you can meet the teacher and have chance for an informal chat. This is probably a good time to ask about things you are unsure of clarify expectations or just come and say hello.



The following day we will also be sending out curriculum packs to families. These packs will give you information about class routines specific to your year group, give you an overview of the things the children will be learning and outline some of the things you can do at home to support.

One of the best ways to keep up to date with upcoming events is via the class weekly updates. These will be coming out every Friday during the year and will keep families informed of what is going on in each class. Remember copies of these can also be found on the school website in the class pages.

Contact Details and Payments

Please remember to inform the school office of any changes to contact details for both parents and other emergency contacts. This is important for those rare times when we need to contact families in an emergency and we need to be able to get to you quickly. It will also mean that you continue to receive text updates and letters emailed to you.

Mrs Flowerdew has also requested that families who have outstanding payments on the School Money system clear these this weekend so we start the school year afresh. This would really help and avoid us having to contact families about the outstanding balances.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Please look out for information about after school activities starting on the next week or so. These will include Drama Den, Multi-Sports Club and Dance to start with. Families can sign children up via the normal School Money booking system.

'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

September 2022

Mrs Reynolds has found us a very relevant quote to think about this month as we start the new school year. New classes, a new term and new people to be with, can all feel daunting, but making that first small step can often make things feel so much better.



Music In Worship - Make Your Own Kind of Music – Paloma Faith

This week's song is called 'Make Your Own Kind of Music' by Paloma Faith. Paloma Faith is an English singer, songwriter and actress. She has written and recorded many songs and has been a judge on the Voice UK.

As we begin our new academic year, it's time for you to think about the things that you would like to achieve this year, in your personal life and in your school life. This could be a variety of different



things but it's important to follow your own dreams and not anyone else's dreams. The lyrics in 'Make Your Own Kind of Music' likens these dreams to songs and just like we wouldn't only sing one song, we wouldn't all follow the same dream. So, try to 'sing your own special song' and achieve lots of new and exciting things this year.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=G8UFLk4WJg8

Events and Dates for this term – More details of each event will be in future newsletters or by separate communications.

During this second part of the autumn term, a number of other events are being planned for the children. These other dates will be added as they are confirmed.

Date	Event
Thursday 15 th September	Informal open evening for families to meet teachers and see the new classrooms.
WB 26 th September	Harvest Festival
Monday 3 rd October	Year 6 Making Choices Workshop with LUFC
Wednesday 5 th October	Individual Photos Day
Monday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 14 th October	Class 3 trip to Murton Park
Friday 21 st October	Training Day (School closes Thursday 20 th October for half term)
Monday 31 st October	School opens
Monday 1 st October	D:Side Internet Safety Workshops
WB 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 30 th November	KS1 Production (Afternoon) TBC
Thursday 1 st December	KS1 Production (Evening) TBC
WB 12 th December	Final week before Christmas which will include the Nativity Performance
Friday 16 th December	School Closes for Christmas

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

