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## 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a sombre end we have had as we heard the sad news of Queen Elizabeth's passing yesterday. We have all come together this afternoon to think about the Queen and her family.

It has been lovely to see all of the children back and dressed super smart in their school uniforms and school shoes this week. Thank you to you, as parents, in ensuring that children are smartly dressed and ready for school.

Although it is week one, lots of hard work has taken place; staff have enjoyed getting to know their new classes and children have been getting used to new routines.

I am looking forward to all that 2022/23 has to offer and I hope that you all have a fabulous first weekend.

### **Attendance/Leave of Absence- Reminders**

Just to remind parents, there is no entitlement for you to take your child on holiday during term time.

You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

If you do not apply for leave of absence in advance, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. If the Headteacher granted an absence in exceptional circumstances and your child is away for longer than was agreed, any extra time is recorded as unauthorised.

### **Punctuality**

Please be aware that the register closes at 8.50am each day. If your child arrives between 8.50 and 9.10am they will be recorded as late. If your child arrives after 9.10am they will be recorded as 'U' for that session which does have an impact on their attendance percentage. It is important that your child arrives, each day, for school on time!

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Tapestry**

As you will be aware, we have moved away from Teachers2Parents and we will use Tapestry as a means to communicate with parents. We would ask that all parents/carers sign up to the platform and download the app as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

If you need help or support, please make us aware and we can assist with any problems.

Please note that messages to teaching staff will be responded to outside of the school day between 8am and 8.30am and between 3.00-4.30pm. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Clubs**

We have a range of clubs starting next week: Dance (Y2/3), Lego/Games (Y2/3), Basketball (Y3-6), Football (Y4/5), OPAL (Y3-6), Football (Y4/5) and Computing (Y5//6). Please note that Lego/Games will not begin until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. We have a limited number of spaces for each club and some children have been added to the waiting list for Dance and Basketball. There are still some spaces available in other clubs. We will be running clubs for our younger children later in the year to give them a chance to settle in!

### **Earrings**

Please remember that we do not permit earrings (including clear plastic earrings) as part of our uniform policy. We would ask that parents get children's ears pierced- if they wish- in the first week of the holidays which begins Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.