
Newsletter 09.09.22

Dear Parents

I would like to offer a welcome to the new school year. I hope you all had a lovely summer break and enjoyed the favourable weather. This week though has ended with some national news that will sadden many.

Following the announcement of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8 September 2022, we would like to express our heartfelt and deepest condolences to the Royal Family and all who loved and cared for her. May she rest in peace.

The Department of Education have notified all schools to remain open during this period. The Department has said further guidance will be sent to schools once final arrangements for national mourning and the funeral are confirmed. We will update you as soon as we are able. During this period of national mourning, we will limit communications to only the most important notices.

In time, we will mark the Queen's reign with our pupils. This morning we shared some images of the Queen's life and listened online to a message a prayer from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

School Calendar

We are just finalising our dates for the year and they will soon all be shared with you, but I will share our first date that will be soon approaching.

Our Harvest celebration will be at Winford Church on Friday 7th October.

We operate this service in two halves of the school because we cannot fit all children and parents in the church at once!

Parents are warmly invited to attend the service that their children are in. Children in years 3,4,5 and 6 will be leading the service at 9:00 and then we will swap over for the children and parents from YR,1 and 2 at 9:45. Information about a Harvest collection will follow soon.

Term time absence

For any parents planning to book next year's holidays already, please note that we will not authorise any holiday absence unless the circumstances are exceptional. In addition to this, under certain circumstances a fine may also be payable to the Local Authority. Full details of this can be found in the attendance policy which is on the school website.

We ask that you only book holidays during end of term breaks. Thank you.

Dojo

We introduced the messaging system called Dojo across the school during the Covid-period when face to face interactions were discouraged. Now this has changed, we will no longer use the Dojo system as a messaging tool. If you have a message for a teacher, please send these via the main school email, or alternatively just pop in to see the teacher at the start or end of the day.

We will continue to use Dojo 'Class Story' to share whole class photos and notifications.

School timings

As advertised before the summer, school is now operative until 15:10 in the afternoon. This makes our normal hours 8:40-15:10. Please make sure that you arrive at school ready for an 8:40 start.

Dogs

We have noticed recently that a few dogs have been visiting the playground at either end of the day. A busy playground can be a really overwhelming place for a dog to be. In addition, unknown dogs meeting can cause some reactivity. With canine welfare in mind, please can we ask that dogs are not brought into the playground space.

