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Message from Mr Witts, Executive Headteacher

Welcome Back!

This has been a week of very mixed emotions. It has been such a privilege to welcome back our children and families to school. It is always lovely to see the children excited to return at the beginning of term.

School staff have been helping the children settle into new classrooms and new routines. The Early Years team have been working extremely hard preparing themselves and the environment for our New Year R children next week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for getting our school ready and set to welcome children back this year. Our school is looking and feeling fantastic!

This excitement and optimism has been contrasted in the past 24 hours by the very sad news of the death of our Queen, Queen Elizabeth II.

We have celebrated her life, her service and dedication to our country today.

As we process and reflect upon the death of the Queen, we may find we are reminded of those close to us whom we have lost. It is important to give ourselves the time to remember what we loved about them, why they were special to us, and acknowledge the sadness of losing them. We are happy to support anyone who is finding this difficult.

As a school we set high expectations. Over the summer the Government and the Children's Commissioner set out new expectations for attendance in school, with all children being expected to have 100% attendance in school. No holiday will be authorised, unless the most special of circumstances. Even illness and medical appointments have a large impact on children's learning.

I would like to thank all those families who have supported us in this and supporting their children to settle into new classes with new adults. This cannot be achieved if children are not in school.

School Attendance Actual (Week 1) = 95.99%

School Lateness Actual (Week 1) = 27

School Attendance Expectation = 100%

Things to Remember

Year 1 – PE Block week will be next week (12.09.22 – 16.09.22)

Changes to PE

Year R - Year 2 - Children to continue to wear their PE kit to school on PE days and block weeks.

Year 3 – Year 6 children are expected to bring in their PE kits in a PE drawstring bag and change into their PE kits in school on PE days and block weeks.

Dates for the Diary

12.09.22 - Year R start half days
14.09.22 - Meet the Teacher
19.09.22 - Year R start full time
22.09.22 - EYFS/KS1 parent reading workshop
29.09.22 - KS2 parent reading workshop
03.10.22 - Maths Parent workshop
05.10.22 - School photo's
07.10.22 – Year 2 Harvest Festival

ACHIEVEMENTS

Learning Award

1A Faith S, 1M Amelia P, 2H Gianna T,
2S Jamie HB, 3G Max T, 3T Emilio D,
4K Elliott D, 4M Riley V, 5F Gracie C,
5R Josie K & Tom C, 6C Rio C, 6N Jack P

Value Award

1A Minnie-Mai R, 1M Jeslyn O,
2H Thomas W, 2S Jessica J, 3G Eibhlin M,
3T Albert R, 4K Blake H, 4M Chloe W, 5F
Ava-Rose R, 5R Chisom A, 6C Ronnie S,
6N Eliza A



CLASS READING AWARD

This will start again from next week

House Points

Beckett	70
Dickens	90
Churchill	73
Harvey	77
Holmes	80
Shakespeare	84

CONGRATULATIONS TO

DICKENS

This week's winners

School News

Summer Reading Challenge – If your child has completed the reading challenge over the summer holidays and has a certificate and a medal of completion, please ask your child to bring them into school no later than Wednesday 15th September. Your child's name will be read out in celebration assembly and they will be given a token for the book vending machine.

Please check your emails for information on our parent reading workshops that are taking place later this month.

We are very proud of Ruby and Elmira in 3T for winning the KS1 writing competition for Ashford District. They received their award at Canterbury Cathedral and got to meet the author Nick Butterworth. Well done girls!



School Prayer

Gracious God,
We give thanks for the life of your servant
Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication
to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

We express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service.

Our school will observe the mourning period whilst continuing to support our pupils, families and staff. Unless otherwise stated, please assume any scheduled activities and events we have scheduled will continue as planned.

We will observe the national holiday if confirmed for Her Majesty's funeral, which means schools will be closed that day, but outside of this, school hours will continue as normal.

Our school will be keeping pupils informed of news about these events as part of assemblies and class activities. If you think your child may be experiencing particular upset due to the passing of the Queen, please do let us know so we can provide additional support if needed.

It is expected that there will be significant disruption across the UK, particularly in London, during this period, therefore we will endeavour to keep you up to date should there be any further changes. Should there be anything further we can support you with, please don't hesitate to reach out.



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