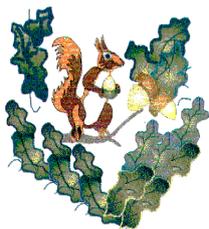


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Friday 9th September 2022

News in School



Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022)



King Charles III (2022-)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that we end the first week in school mourning the death of the longest serving British monarch – Queen Elizabeth II. Known and loved by millions from around the world, this is certainly a sad time. Our thoughts are with the new King and his family.

In school, the first week back has been wonderful. I offer my personal thanks to everyone (children, staff and parents) for making me feel so very welcome. With so many faces and names to get to know, without mentioning routines etc, your patience and assistance is very much appreciated.

Whilst most children know the school well, the start of a new year, in a new class, with a new teacher, can be a little daunting and unsettling. Teachers report that the children have settled fabulously into their new classes and we look forward to week two, when I expect that the children will be feeling more at home in their new classroom surroundings.

Of course, our new Reception children are facing a whole new world as they start their new primary school careers. I am so very proud of how grown up they all are and how wonderfully they have handled their first week. That said, they are still very little people – so to ensure that they can be supported to become confident and keen learners (happy to skip into school each day) I will be continuing to welcome parents of Reception children (Dormice class) to accompany their children to class each morning.

The standard drop-off routines of school request that parents drop children at the main gate (between 8.40 and 8.55am). I would like to adjust this policy so that Reception pupils are offered the first half term as a

period of transition, this will ensure that they are ready for drop off, at the gate, by the start of our October term. Of course, parents are able to drop off at the gate as soon as they know their child is ready for this.

Phonics Information Event – Tuesday 27th September

Thank you to those parents who noted a potential clash with this event and the PTA annual general meeting. Please do not worry the timings should allow for attendance to both.

Class PE timetable

Below is a summary of class PE days. These, along with lots of other useful information regarding class routines, can be found on your child's class team page. Please ensure you stay up to date with class news by checking the Teams pages regularly.

Dormice	Tuesday Friday
Hedgehogs	Wednesday Friday
Otters	Tuesday Thursday
Robins	Wednesday Thursday
Bats	Tuesday Friday
Foxes	Tuesday (swimming) Wednesday
Owls	Tuesday (swimming) Thursday

The vast majority of children have arrived to school this week wearing a full navy-blue PE kit. To ensure uniformity across the school, and equality for all, we would be very grateful to see all children wearing navy-blue round neck t-shirts, shorts and tracksuits to school on their allocated PE days. Thank you.

Swimming starts next week

Owls and Foxes will start their swimming lessons next Tuesday, 13th September. Children should arrive to school wearing standard school uniform. Please ensure that your child remembers their swimming kit! Girls should wear a one-piece swim suit and boys should wear close fitting swim shorts or trunks. Please avoid baggy/Bermuda style beach shorts, as these provide unnecessary drag in the water, so increase the difficulty of learning to swim.

Polite reminder – if you haven't already returned your contribution to cover swimming costs, we would be very grateful to receive that ASAP. Many thanks.

Pupil update forms

This week, Mrs Reid has provided you with a copy of your child's pupil record form. Please can you check, update (as appropriate) and return the form to us, as soon as possible. It is essential that we have up to date address and contact details. If at any point through the year your address, phone number, contact numbers or emergency contacts change – please ensure that you update us.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any further information regarding the contents of this letter or any other aspect of your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelle Parker
Head Teacher