



9th September

School news Update

Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

Following the very sad news yesterday of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, we wanted to reassure parents that we will deal with this time sensitively and respectfully. We know that the children have learned a great deal about the Queen; her life and achievements, following our Jubilee celebrations earlier this year and so it is right that we take the time to celebrate and reflect on her life.

We know that as children process and reflect upon the death of the Queen, they may find that they are reminded of those close to them whom they have lost. It is important to give children the time to remember what they loved about them, why they were special, and acknowledge the sadness of losing them. We will ensure that we give children the time to do this. We know that the children are likely to experience national mourning in some way over the next days and weeks and again we will support them with this sensitively and appropriately.

The Church of England and the Diocese have shared a great number of resources to support us over the next few weeks. We will share further details of what will be doing in school for example we may use our reflection area as an opportunity for children to give thanks for the Queen in some way.

An electronic book of condolences has been opened by the Church of England which can be completed [here](#).

With thoughts and prayers to all of our families at this very sad time for our nation.

Welcome to our new children

All the children have made a brilliant start to the new academic year and last week we welcomed our new Reception children to our school family.

Derrick
Olivia
Zander
Ursa
Ethan

Patrick
Peter
Harrison
Aveer

Betty
Charlotte
Paige
Miles

Jaxx
Henry
Zachary
Macy

They have had a great first few days and we look forward to getting to know you and your families over the coming weeks. We have also welcomed Clara into Year 1; the children Monet class have made her very welcome!

Collective Worship Theme - Hope



During our Collective Worship this half term we will think about Hope; we will reflect on what we are hopeful for as we start a new academic year. We will think about hope as an anticipation of something good to come in the future and reflect on what this means for Christians; instead of wishing or hoping for something to happen, a Christian knows that their hope is grounded in the word of God. With this newsletter, we have sent the home/school values information with ideas about how

you could reflect on 'hope' within your family and with your child/children.

Curriculum Maps

Every half term each class teacher writes and sends home a Curriculum Map which gives you an overview of what your child is learning during the half term. This half term's map will be sent out on Monday and we hope that you find it useful.

We will also send the start of term class information document on Monday which outlines key information including staff members, routines and expectations for each class. Again, we hope that this information is useful.

Year 5/6 trip

Thank you to everyone who has completed the google form. The majority of families (75% of 20 families) have responded that they would like to the trip to go ahead as planned. Therefore we are delighted to confirm that the trip is booked for 28th – 30th September. Payment plans and permission letters will follow next week.

Clubs next week

We would like to open up the football and archery club after school on a Thursday to our Year 4 children as we have a number of spaces left. Please do complete the form and send payment before Tuesday next week. A reminder that we will only inform you if your child is unsuccessful in securing a place.

Also, a reminder that children should be collected at 4:20pm on the playground, not at front of the school.



Reading Workshop – Year 1 and 2 parents – 15th September at 2:30pm

Please join us for our Year 1 and 2 reading workshop on Thursday 15th September at 2:30pm in school.

We will examine and share a range of strategies that children can apply when reading. We will then look at the breadth of assessment criteria in becoming an effective reader and how best you can help your child with comprehension, both literal and inferential.



Diary Dates Autumn 2022/Spring 2023

Date	Event
W/C 12 th September	After School Clubs start – see attached flyer for more details.
15 th September	Reading Workshop for Parents of Year 1 and 2 ~ 2:30pm in school
17 th September	STARS Make Do and Mend ~ 10am onwards
21 st September	STARS AGM and meeting 7:30pm at school
22 nd September	9:30am Harvest service including parents – to be confirmed
28 th – 30 th September	Year 5/6 Residential to Grafham Water Centre
29 th September	Phonics Workshop for Foundation Parents ~ 2:30pm in school
30 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning – more details to follow.
30 th September	STARS Welcome Picnic 3:15pm on the school field
5 th October	Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2023 ~ 1:30pm – 2.30pm
19 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 7:30pm
20 th October	Diwali lunch – booking form to follow
20 th October	Parent Consultations ~ 3:30pm – 5:30pm
24th – 28th October	HALF TERM
4 th November	Bonfire lunch - booking form to follow
8 th November	Flu Vaccinations for all children. Opt out details will follow.
8 th November	Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2023 ~ 1:30pm – 2.30pm.
10 th November	Year 5 Football festival
11 th November	Invite to join us for Remembrance Day. More details to follow.
14 th – 18 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
16 th November	Van Gogh Nursery Rhyme Time ~ 9.15am. Parents invited.
18 th November	Children in Need Day
29 th November	Kandinsky and Picasso Classes ~ Multi-Faith tour
1 st December	Year 4 Football festival
2 nd December	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning. Parents invited.
5 th December	Open Session to view for Foundation intake 2023 ~ 1:30pm – 2:30pm
12 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 2:15pm
13 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance ~ 9:30am and 2:15pm
14 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch including Christmas Jumper day
21 st December	Christmas Christingle Service ~ 9:30am in the church
21 st December	End of term
22nd Dec 2022 to 5rd Jan 2023	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	Training day ~ School Closed
5 th January	Spring term 2023 begins
11 th January – 8 th February	Picasso Class swimming 1:30pm – 2:30pm