

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I am sure you will all join us in mourning the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I will be holding an assembly of remembrance today and next week, the children will be creating a book of reflections.

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I hope that you have had a lovely summer. A very big welcome to all our new families who have joined us this term and to Miss English who has joined us as a teacher. We hope you will all be very happy here.

The term has started well. It is always lovely to see how quickly the children adapt to new routines and settle into their new classes. I know that some of our younger ones can sometimes become upset saying goodbye to their parents/carers after a long summer at home but please be assured that by 9.00am they are in class smiling and joining in with all the activities.

Learning is already in full swing and I have seen some super writing, maths and art already and yesterday I saw a very energetic PE lesson, full of skills, movement and smiles!

We already have a variety of things planned for the classes so please keep an eye on the diary dates as things will be added as we go along.

At the moment we have a visit from the Dogs Trust coming up on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This involves a whole school assembly and then workshops for KS2. More information is attached.

Mrs Marchant continues to come in every Monday and offers private music tuition. If you are interested please speak to the office who will pass on your contact details to her.

We are also very pleased that Paula and Lucy from HeadsUp will continue to support us this year. They will be coming in each week and supporting some of our children.

**Budleigh literary festival.**

On 15<sup>th</sup> September we are hoping to take part in the school literary quiz as part of the festival. Attached is information about other activities that are happening as part of the festival and that can be booked in advance.

**Finance support**

As more and more families experience financial difficulties this link is to East Devon District Council where they have lots of information, support and advice that will be of help and support to families. The sort of help they can provide includes: help with household bills, energy costs, home improvement grants and loans, advice about loan sharks.

Please visit the website for more information:

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/financial-support-and-advice/help-with-household-bills/>

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September – School entering quiz team for Budleigh literary festival.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Oak Class vision screening - letters will be sent home shortly

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Dogs Trust assembly and KS2 workshops

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Rowan Class Tiverton museum workshop

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Flu vaccinations Rec – Yr 6

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Alex Wharton author visit TBC

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class – Aredhel, Rowan Class – Aria, Sycamore Class - Catriona, Cherry Class - Olivia, Maple Class – Kelly, Beech Class – William.