

Newsletter – Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first full week of term is drawing to a close and we have already done so much! New curriculum topics are well underway, our wonderful new Reception children have completed their first full week of school brilliantly and all of the children are working enthusiastically on their new learning. We are all very proud of them! We would also like to welcome our new Nursery children who have done a great job of settling in this week too!

This half-term's Value:

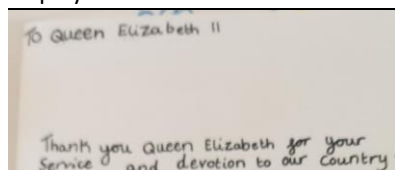
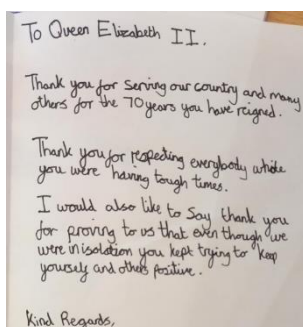
Our six school Christian values are:

Courage, Love, Friendship, Respect, Perseverance and Generosity

We focus on these values throughout the week and they underpin all that we do and all of the decisions we make in school. This term, however, as well as weaving these values into our daily lives, we have decided to make this term's focus value **Service**.

We have talked so much in school about the life and work of the Queen this week and thought about how she dedicated herself to a life of service and love, that it seemed right to focus this term on how we too can show

service to others. This will be the focus of our collective worship time this half-term, and KS2 have already written some very thoughtful cards thanking the Queen for her life of service, as well as adding to the words we felt best described the Queen which are on display in the school hall.



Celebrations:

This year we have decided to add to the way in which we celebrate the achievements of children each week and are now giving out two types of awards. Each week, someone will be chosen for an achievement in their learning, but we will also now be celebrating someone from each class for showing one of our school values. We have two special displays in school to celebrate people each week, one which shows their wonderful achievements in learning (our WOW board) and another displaying our values tree which will fill up with leaves as the year progresses.

I still also look forward each week to celebrating the successes children have had outside of school, so keep on sending in certificates, trophies, rosettes, medals and all other celebrations from home each Friday too! Well done this week to Kelsey for coming first in her horse race, Layla M for her achievements in cheerleading and Alice for her dedication to her drawing.



Reporting Absences and changes to bus and after school club:

If your child is ill and cannot come to school, you must let us know that morning before school starts by phoning the school telephone number. You can **phone school from 7:45am** and there will always be someone there to take your call. For safeguarding reasons, it is essential that you do this, so that we know the children are safe. Please do not rely on sending a Class Dojo message for this purpose, as these are not always picked up immediately by staff in the same way.

We would also like to remind you to phone school to let us know about any changes to collection, getting the bus, or attending after school club. Again, Class Dojo is not always picked up by staff if they are teaching, so a phone call is the best way to guarantee we know about any changes in plan. Thank you for your understanding!

The Nest:

The room you will know as After School Club and Breakfast Club is gradually evolving and developing to make it a suitable space for a cosy after school and breakfast club, a quiet, calm space for small group-learning during the day, and a nurture space for working with Mrs Harrison, our dedicated ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) who is there to support children when they need it.

We have therefore been looking for a new name for this room that we felt suited all of these purposes and have come up with The Nest! Our other classrooms are Acorns, Saplings and Oaks so it seemed fitting that this space should also be tree-related but a little bit more nurturing.

We are in the gradual process of furnishing and decorating this room to help it meet all of these needs and have already started by having had the room painted in the summer and the large benches removed to create more space. We will keep you posted as the space develops!



Dates for your diaries so far:

(More details and dates will follow)

Monday 19th September – Bank Holiday for the Queen's Funeral

20th – 23rd September – KS2 swimming each afternoon

Tuesday 4th October – Flu vaccinations

Friday 21st October – School closes for half term at 3:30pm (after school club until 5:30pm)

Monday 31st October – School reopens for second half of Autumn term