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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Families,

**HM QUEEN ELIZABETH**

Before, I start I feel it is important to acknowledge the sad passing of our Queen. Her years of loyal service to our country has been nothing but remarkable. Whilst the Queen was a working professional, she was also a mum and grandmother, therefore are thoughts are with her family during this sad time.

To support our pupils, all have watched the Newsround edition of the Queen’s passing and staff have responded to any questions. In our assembly, this afternoon, our whole school community completed a 1 minute silence as a mark of respect. School is awaiting further details from the Government in terms of any impact to school following the mourning period. I will provide a further update next week.



**NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

Welcome to the first newsletter of this school year! Each week I will send out a newsletter to let you all know what has been happening in school and to share with you highlights from our AMAZING pupils!

The biggest highlight this week has to be seeing all of our pupils, whether they be existing or new, come into school! To have our school full of children’s laughter, chatter and heads down into learning is just fabulous! Our new pupils have all had a positive start and have settled into to their new class with ease.

We have started our new school year with normal timetables so that our pupils can get familiar with the routines and expectations of school. Learning expectations have been set and pupils have engaged well with their work. One of our learning priorities this year is reading and the learning of letters and sounds. We had great successes with our phonics programme, which we introduced last year, and hopefully our phonics programme will be available through an App which you will be able to download. Once the App is up and running we will let you know and give you instructions on what to do next. More super confident readers by the end of this school year is what we are aiming for! We would appreciate if you could support us with this at home by encouraging your child to read a little every day!

**COMMUNITY WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING DAY**

This week we held our first whole school learning day! We had visitors from across our community who came and joined us for the day. We had a butcher, a vicar, a representative from McDonalds, the police and persons from the Air Ambulance team. All pupils had time to spend with each visitor to learn about their craft or trade. My highlight was certainly welcoming families into school for lunch and our local care home residents. The school staff band provided us with an array of songs whilst we ate our lunch. A great day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

*Dates for your diary:*

<i>Name of Event</i>	<i>Date &amp; time</i>
<i>School reopens to pupils!</i>	<i>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Whole School Learning Day</i>	<i>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>School Photographer</i>	<i>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</i>
<i>INSET DAY School Closed to pupils</i>	<i>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</i>
<i>Progress Meetings with Families 1.30pm – 4.30pm</i>	<i>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>CELEBRATE WEEK Times to be confirmed by Class Teachers</i>	<i>10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October</i>
<i>School closes for October half term</i>	<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October</i>
<i>School opens to pupils</i>	<i>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</i>

*Check out these dates!!!*



### **HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME**

New guidance has been written and received from the Department for Education in respect of school attendance. I would like to make it clear from the start, that any holiday taken during term time will not be authorised and will result in a fine. School attendance is incredibly important for pupils to ensure that they learn all that they can to aid and support them to grow into successful, confident and independent young adults.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, WRATES our school photographer will be in school for the morning. If your child has a brother or sister in school and you would like a sibling's photograph, please contact the school admin team to let them know. We are doing school photographs earlier than usual as we know that some families like to use the school photographs to give as Christmas presents. How to purchase will be sent our once school has received the proofs, which can take a few weeks to arrive.

### **TWITTER**

We love to celebrate our pupils and our school's achievements which we do on Class Dojo, my weekly newsletter, our school website and through our Twitter page. Our Twitter account is @penviewschool – if you haven't done so already come and join us!

### **REMINDER**

Just a reminder that school is closed to pupils on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September for staff training.

Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*S. Mulhall*

Sarah Mulhall - Headteacher