



**West Kidlington**  
Primary & Nursery School

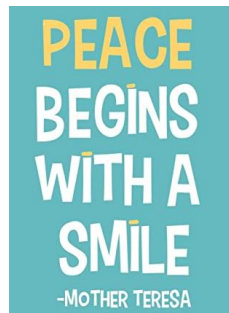
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**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

## Dear Families

The children have enjoyed a busy week in the school. So many children have been giving their best and been kind. I continue to be very proud of their start. We are still welcoming new families to West Kidlington. Please can I ask that you welcome new families and if you see anyone lost or looking lonely – please say hello.



## Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022) – State Funeral

The school will be closed on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. Please encourage your child to watch or listen to some of the coverage of events taking place on Monday. The school will re-open on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**.

## Reception Early Reading and Phonics workshop

This will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. We are inviting every family to join us in the school hall from 8.30am to share a book between adults and children. There will be a variety of books to choose from and enjoy. Then the children will go to their classrooms for registration at 8.45am and we would like the grownups to stay for a short presentation. The session will finish at 9am, so we hope we can get to speak with ALL Reception families.

## Year One Early Reading and Phonics workshop

This will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We are inviting every family to join us in the school hall from 8.30am to share a book between adults and children. There will be a variety of books to choose from and enjoy. Then the children will go to their classrooms for registration at 8.45am and we would like the grownups to stay for a short presentation. The session will last no longer than 30 minutes. The session will finish at 9am, so we hope we can get to speak with ALL Year One families.

## Lunch boxes

We have noted that some of the children's lunch boxes could be improved in school. There should be a balance between protein, carbohydrates, vitamins and sugar. A wrap/sandwich, piece of fruit, a yoghurt and a snack bar are what we suggest.

We have also seen that some children have not always finished their packed lunches. We will encourage children to eat their lunch. Anything that is not eaten will be returned in the child's lunch box, so that families can review what a child has eaten.

### **School uniform**

Please can all families action any letters that have been sent home regarding school uniform. It is important that we get this right. Earrings, leggings and footwear have been challenged. We have asked certain families to make some changes to their child's uniform and we appreciate this happening quickly.

### **St Mary's Choristers**

St Mary's Choristers is a thriving children's choir based at St Mary's Church, Kidlington. We rehearse every Friday evening in school term time. Membership is completely free and choristers receive expert tuition in singing, music theory and performance, while developing independence, leadership and teamwork skills. We are looking to recruit some new choristers this term. If your child is musical, up for a challenge, and in years 3-6 please email [stmaryschoristers@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschoristers@gmail.com) for more details (flyer attached).

### **Home School Agreement – please can signed copies of the Home School Agreement be handed into the school.**

The Home School Agreement is how we would like Families in school to work alongside trying to give the very best for all children. There are certain responsibilities that are crucial. Reading at home, being on time, keeping the school informed and talking positively about school are some of the expectations. Please can you read this document carefully. We expect every parent to sign this document and promise to follow it. We are sending two copies to you today. One is to be signed by parents and the other is to be kept in your home. Please can the Home School Agreement be sent back to your class teacher by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**.

### **Family Welcome and Curriculum Letters**

On Monday, each class received a letter detailing what learning will take place in your child's class. It shared key information about how each child's class will work. If you did not receive this, please contact the school office.

### **School Attendance**

Some families may have received a letter yesterday outlining the attendance expectations. This letter also informed you if your child's attendance was under 90% last academic year, which is our responsibility as a school to notify you of. It is the responsibility of each family to ensure that their child is in school and on time. If for any reason you have an unavoidable appointment you will be expected to provide evidence of the appointment for our records. Unfortunately, if you are not able to provide evidence the absence will become unauthorised.

## KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
27 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Year 2 Walk Around Kidlington</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> September – 8.30-9.00 a.m.	<b>Reception Early Reading and Phonics Workshop</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> September – 8.30-9.00 a.m.	<b>Year One Early Reading and Phonics Workshop</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parents' Evening (times to be confirmed)</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Flu Vaccinations Reception – Yr 6</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> October – 2.30-3.00 p.m.	<b>Year 2 Open Classroom</b>

Have a restful weekend. We will welcome you in school on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Kind regards**

**Mr Isherwood**