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Primary & Nursery School

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Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Families

We have included a calendar of dates and events with the Family Letter this week. We would suggest either printing or saving a copy on your phone. We have tried to include most important things happening in school. Families with Year 6 children have been sent a document to help with applying for secondary schools, it comes with sensible and clear advice. The deadline for secondary applications is **31st October, 2022.**

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Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022) – State Funeral

The children in school shared some of their experiences and thoughts about Monday's ceremony. Thank you for encouraging them to take part in this event. As a school who value History, we felt it was important that they had memories to take away.

Sickness – Child Absence

Please can all families remember that if you need to report a child's absence from school that you do this through the school office. Absence is not reported via a class teacher.

Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment the school requires to see any documents that confirm this attendance. This is done through the school office only.

Mobile phones

As a school, we understand the modern world. Mobile phones play a huge part in work, communication and organising life! We would like all families to respect that mobile phones are not used on the school site. We would like children greeted and dropped off without phones being used please. We have seen a big increase in families not following this expectation.

Reception Early Reading and Phonics Workshop

This will take place on Tuesday 27th 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 grown-ups 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 29th 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 grown-ups 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 noticed 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.

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 for more details.

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

We are still awaiting several signed copies of the Home School Agreement. Please can they be handed into teachers or the school office.

Parent's Evening

These will be held on Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th October. Appointments are to be made via the schools' online Pupil Asset Parents' App). If this is your first time setting this up or you have forgotten how to use this service, please refer to the instructions attached separately. You should receive your log-in some time this afternoon.

Parent's Evening bookings will go live on Monday 26th September at 7.00 am and they will close on Friday 30th September at 12.00 midday.

Have a restful weekend we will welcome you back to school on Monday.

**Kind regards
Mr Isherwood**