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9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we are sure you will join with the whole school community in expressing our deep sadness at the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. We have all gathered together in a special collective worship this morning to remember her and give thanks for the amazing contribution she has made to our lives.

Dear God,

We gather here today to remember her Majesty the Queen,

We give thanks for her long life and for all the ways she loved and served those in her care,

We bring you our sadness for what we have lost;

Our gratitude for what we remember and cherish;

And wondering about what is yet to come;

Thank you for the comfort, peace and hope you bring us,

Amen

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The children have all settled into their new classes this week and staff have been impressed with how quickly they have adapted to their new timetables. Class teachers will be sending out individual class newsletters at the start of next week, but we have just a few whole school updates:

Our school value: Every half term we think about one of the school values that underpins our Christian vision. This half term we will be focusing on generosity.

"Our faith starts with the most generous gift of all – God's gift to us of life itself and new life and new hope in Jesus Christ". The Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York


Kitchen: You will have noticed that the work to our new kitchen is ongoing. Unfortunately, there have been some unavoidable delays with the building work and it is now anticipated that we will be able to start serving meals from the new kitchen at the beginning of December. School meals will still continue to be provided from another local school until this time. While the builders are on site, there is no access to the school bike and scooter store so we would remind you that if your child does choose to come to school on a bike or scooter then these will need to be taken straight home by the adult escorting the child to school in the morning.

Start of the school day: thank you to everybody for adjusting to the new times of the school day. Just to confirm: the school gate opens at 8:35am and all children should be in their classroom ready for registration by 8:45 am. If you arrive after 8:45 am then you will need to sign your child in at the main reception where they can be marked as present in the register and the reason for the late arrival recorded and lunch arrangements confirmed.


Holidays: Over the last two terms, we have received an increasing number of requests for family holidays during term time. Whilst we understand that there may be some exceptional circumstances where your child needs to miss one or two days of school during term time, in most cases, we are unable to authorise time off for holidays. This is in line with government legislation and section 12 of our school attendance and absence policy 2021 (see below). Further details and guidance related to absence can be found on our school website: <https://www.loscoe.derbyshire.sch.uk/attendance>

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12. Term-time leave

The school will require parents to observe the school holidays as prescribed; therefore, the headteacher will be unable to authorise holidays during term-time in most cases. The headteacher will be only allowed to grant a leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. Applications will be made in advance and the headteacher will be satisfied by the evidence which is presented, before authorising term-time leave. The headteacher will determine the amount of time a pupil can be away from school during term-time. Any leave of absence is at the discretion of the headteacher. Any requests for leave during term-time will be considered on an individual basis and the pupil's previous attendance record will be taken into account.

Requests for leave will not be granted in the following circumstances:

- *Immediately before and during assessment periods*
- *When a pupil's attendance record shows any unauthorised absence*
- *Where a pupil's authorised absence record is already above **10 percent** for any reason*

If parents take their child out of school during term-time without authorisation from the headteacher, they may be subject to sanctions such as penalty fines.

Any questions please do ask.

After school clubs: Having listened to your opinions on parent questionnaires, we are pleased to announce that we are going to be offering a wider range of extra curricular after school clubs. Details of these will be sent out over the coming weeks.

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Dates for your diary Autumn Term 2022

Further events and dates will be added - we will give you as much notice as possible of these.

Date	Event
21st September 2022	Y6 Taster Day at Heanor Gate - further information to follow
27th September 9:30am	Whole school Harvest Festival at St Luke's church (donations to be in school by Friday 23rd please). Parents will be able to attend our service this year.
29th - 30th September	Y5 Bikeability - further information to follow.
October 11th & October 13th	Parents' evening - booking details to be provided nearer the time.
Friday 21st October	School finishes for half term holiday
Monday 31st October	First day back after half term holiday
17th November	Year 4, 5, 6 trip to the Nutcracker ballet
1st December	Reception, Year 1, 2, and 3 trip to Wind in the Willows theatre production.
9th December	Whole school Christmas jumper day for the NSPCC
Week Beginning 12th December	Early Years and Key Stage One (infants) Christmas performances - exact dates and times to be confirmed
19th December	Rock Steady Concert
20th December	Carol Concert at St Luke's Church 9:30 am
21st December	Last day of autumn term

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22nd December	School closed for Staff INSET day
January 9th 2023	First day back after Christmas holiday

Look out for dates from the PTFA for details of the exciting events they have got planned for the autumn term.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Tew and Mrs Lynam