

Friday 9th September 22



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am not sure how to begin the first newsletter of the year following such sad and significant news about the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

Our children have recently spent time learning about our Queen through the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee and therefore will have a greater understanding of her role and incredible impact on our nation over the years.

Response to death is personal and intimate, it may also be the first time that many of our children have encountered this. Therefore, today in school, our children went straight to class rather than into singing assembly, which we cancelled.

Although I suspect many of our children will have known before coming to school, there were some children who didn't. Therefore, teachers shared the news with their classes in their learning rooms in a family environment, where our children could ask questions and share their feelings in a safe and friendly space. Some of our children watched the Newsround Special Edition which you can find on the BBC website.

Your children may want to discuss this significant event with you more at home. I am sure we shall hear over the next few days what the arrangements for the country will be, when we know more we shall plan around them in school.

It is a very sad end to what has been a lovely first week. Your children have been delightful as they have settled into their new classes so smoothly and happily. We really do believe that our transition fortnight during the summer term makes such a positive difference and enables us all to get off to a flying start.

Enjoy family time this weekend

Mrs Newton

CCTV

Over the summer break we have had CCTV installed in some areas of the school, such as on the playgrounds, in our central pastoral area, in the KS2 corridors and in the entrance foyer. There are no cameras in the learning rooms. The purpose of CCTV in school is to help keep everyone safe and help keep our school secure.

Professional Development Day

Please be aware that we have a Teacher Professional Development Day on Monday 26th September. School will be closed to children on this day. The focus will be on the teaching of synthetic phonics which is the key foundation stone in how children learn to read. This is essential training for every member of staff in the education team because our aim is for every child to be a successful reader.

There are lots of staff at Woodlands who are ready to help you

**The best person to talk to about your child, is your child's class teacher,
or a member of the year group team.**

Nursery	Miss Roberts and Miss Seale - NAM and NPM Also in the team is Mrs Uppal
Reception	Mrs Jackson supported by Miss Coote - RJ Mrs Gill supported by Mrs Stone - RG Also in the team is Miss Birch and Miss Bennett
Y1	Miss Whitehouse – 1W Miss Smith – 1S Supported by Mrs Ward. Also in the team is Miss Froggatt
Y2	Mrs Purcell and Mrs Corbett - 2CP Mrs Day - 2D Supported by Miss Townsend and Mrs Smith. Also in the team is Mrs Froggatt
Y3	Miss Edmunds - 3E Miss Adams – 3A Supported by Mrs Clifft Also in the team is Mrs Mills
Y4	Mrs Rich – 4R Mrs L Newton – 4N Supported by Mrs Wilkes. Also in the team is Miss Selman and Miss Barnett
Y5	Miss Harvey – 5H Miss Martin – 5M Supported by Mrs Meredith Also in the team is Mrs Townsend
Y6	Miss Evans – 6E Mrs Pickering and Mrs Pitt - 6P Supported by Mrs Steventon Also in the team is Miss Gilbody and Miss Schofield

**If you have already spoken to the class teacher, but need a little more help then
please ask for an appointment to meet the Phase Leader**

Early Yrs	Mrs Jackson
Y1 and Y2	Mrs Purcell
Y3 and Y4	Miss Edmunds
Y5 and Y6	Miss Evans

Or you might need to talk to

The office team	Mrs Alves (Woodies lead), Mrs Headley, Miss Smith, Mrs Fieldhouse or Mrs Baker
Special Educational Needs	Mrs Dickson, Miss Peters or Miss Smith
Pastoral Lead and Safeguarding	Mrs Graham
Family Support	Mrs Bellerson
Headteacher	Mrs Newton
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Macpherson

There are also many other fabulous members of the team who all do an incredible job in supporting your children in their learning and time at school by helping Woodlands run smoothly.

Dates on the horizon

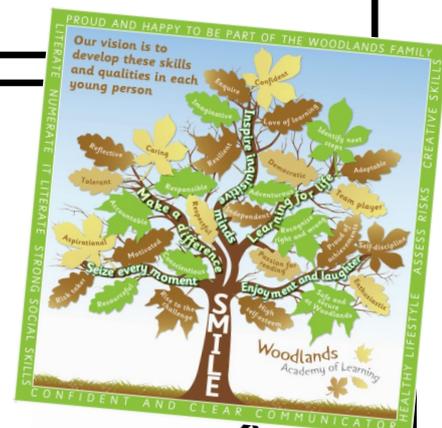
Thursday 15th September	Y5 visit to Selly Manor
Thursday 22nd September	9:00 RJ Parent meeting regarding reading in the hall
Thursday 22nd September	10:00 RG Parent meeting regarding reading in the hall
Monday 26th September	Professional Development Day for staff, school closed to children
Wednesday 28th September	2:30 Y6 Parents Bryntysillio meeting
Monday 3rd October	Harvest theme, produce for our local food bank will be gratefully received during this week.
Tuesday 4th October	2:45, 4N Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 4th October	Y2 visit to Short Heath Methodist Church to focus on Harvest
Tuesday 10th October	2:45, 6P Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 12 th and Thursday 13 th October	Parent Consultation evenings
Monday 17 th October	Y6 to Bryntysillio for the week
Monday 17th October to Friday 21st October	Explore and Discovery Week: Launching our STEM initiative
Thursday 20th October	4:30 - 5:45, School Halloween Disco for Y1 to Y5
Friday 21st October	School closes for half term
Monday 31st October	School opens
Monday 31st October	4:30 Reception Pumpkin Party (Child and parent together)
Friday 18th November	Flu nasal spray for R to Y6

Questions of the week to think about and discuss are:

“Would you want to be Prime Minister?” (KS1)

“Is it a good time to become Prime Minister?” (KS2)

This week, we are looking at the new Prime Minister and the challenges facing her tenure, which include (but are by no means limited to) the cost of living; the war in Ukraine; the NHS, and the environment. 5-7 voters will consider the benefits and drawbacks to the top job before deciding: **“Would you want to be Prime Minister?”** Meanwhile, 7-11 voters will look in more detail at some of the obstacles the new PM will have to overcome, and give their verdict on: **“Is it a good time to become Prime Minister?”**



Be informed.



Be curious.



Be heard.

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