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Headteacher: Mr Richard Mead Wednesday 14th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I just wanted to take this opportunity to, again, welcome you to the new term and to extend a particularly warm welcome to all of our new families and children. The children have very much enjoyed the first few weeks of term and have settled well into their new year groups and classes. Please see below for some updates, reminders and important dates for this term.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

As a school and in class and assembly time, we have been celebrating the life of Queen Elizabeth and talking to the children in an age-appropriate way about our new King and the different ceremonies that have, and are, taking place. As you have probably heard, **Monday 19th of September** will be a Bank Holiday and so the school will be closed that day to allow the school community to watch the Queen's funeral and to celebrate her life.

Harvest Celebration.

We will be holding our annual Harvest Celebration for the children on **Thursday 28**th **September**. If you wish, your child can bring in a harvest gift during the week commencing the 26th September to be donated to the Alton Food Bank. The food bank particularly need the following items: - tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned tuna, tinned soup, tinned spaghetti, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, cereal, pasta sauce, UHT milk, jam and long-life fruit juice.

Curriculum Information Meetings for Parents.

This term we will be holding meetings for parents to come and find out more about your child's class, year group and details of our curriculum and the different areas of learning that your child will enjoy. Please see below for dates and times:-

Year 1 and 2 Curriculum Information Meeting for Parents: - Thursday 29th September at 2.15pm in the school hall.

Reception Curriculum Information Meeting for Parents: - Wednesday 2nd November at 2.15pm in the school hall.

We are also hoping to record these meetings, for parents who cannot make the above dates and times – more details to follow.

Parent Consultation Meetings.

Please see below for details of this term's parent consultation meetings. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how well your child has settled in to their new class and year group.

Tuesday 11th October – 3.40pm – 6.20pm - more details to follow. Wednesday 12th October – 3.30pm – 5.30pm - more details to follow.

Upcoming dates for the Autumn Term

Monday 19th September – Bank Holiday. School closed for staff and families to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth (see above).

Wednesday 28th September – Harvest Celebration for the children (see above for further details).

Thursday 29th September – Year 1 and 2 Curriculum Meeting for Parents at 2.15pm (see above for further details).

Thursday 6th October from 4pm – Play and Stay session in our Reception classrooms and outdoor space for children starting school in 2023.

Friday 7th October – school photographer – individual photographs.

Tuesday 11th October – Parent Consultations (see above).

Wednesday 12th October – Parent Consultations (see above).

Monday 17th October – Flu immunisation for children – more details to follow.

Friday 21st October – Break up for the October Half Term Holiday.

Monday 31st October – INSET Day.

Tuesday 1st November – Children return to school after the October Half Term Holiday.

Wednesday 2nd November – Reception Curriculum Meeting for Parents at 2.15pm (see above for further details).

Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm – Open evening and presentation for parents of children starting school in September 2023.

We will continue to update you with any further dates (e.g. Christmas activities) as we move through the rest of this term.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

Richard Mead Headteacher