



**St. Peter's**

Church of England Primary School

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/carers,

I am pleased to write with this week's newsletter. This letter and previous versions can be found in the [letters section](#) of our website.

## Remembering Queen Elizabeth II



I am sure by now you are aware of the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth the longest serving monarch in British history.

Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust and St Peter's CE Primary School joins the nation in mourning the loss of Her Majesty The Queen. Her selfless devotion to her country and the Commonwealth serves as an inspiration to us all. We give thanks for her happy and glorious reign and extend our sincere condolences to The Royal Family.

Following the passing of Her Majesty and in line with advice around periods of national mourning we will be limiting our communications throughout the period of national mourning. We will provide urgent and relevant updates as appropriate. On this basis the newsletter this week will look a little different focusing only on essential information. We will of course continue to work on behalf of all families and we are here for any queries or concerns you may have.

We have received and will follow the guidance and expectations of the briefing to schools by the Department for Education last night, stating schools should remain open during this period of national mourning. The Department has said further guidance will be sent to schools once final arrangements for national mourning and the funeral are confirmed. We will continue to keep families updated with key relevant information and would of course follow any further guidance issued regarding arrangements.

We know as a school we have an important role to play in reassuring and supporting children at this time I would like to reassure families that staff are skilled and experienced at supporting children as they process news of national and global significance. Today in school we gave thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth II. Children in Years 1 – 6 have taken part in a special worship led by Mr Griffiths followed by a period of quiet reflection. Our Early Years children who are just settling into school life talked in their classes with staff.

During next week there will be further opportunities to celebrate the life of the Queen together as we remember her in our worship and our classrooms.

On Monday we will open a book of condolence that will be available to children and families. This can be accessed in the meeting room by families before and after school and by children during the day.

Families may wish to contribute to the [Church of England Online Book of Condolence](#).



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There is some helpful advice on talking to children about death via [Partnership for Children](#). [Minded](#) is also a source of information to support families helping children to manage death and loss. The [Newsround](#) website has already provided articles and reports aimed at children which families may find helpful as children learn of this news.

## Essential Information

### Open Classrooms – Meet the Teacher

Next week there will be two opportunities to meet class teachers in classrooms on either Tuesday or Thursday between 3.30 and 4.30. This is a chance for an informal visit to see your child's classroom and meet their teacher. There will be no formal presentation or 'talk' from teachers and there is no need to book an appointment. Parents with or without their child or children can simply pop in to say hello and have a look at classrooms and meet staff. Information about the curriculum and supporting learning will follow later in term with events such as parent phonics evening and the publication of curriculum overviews.

### PE Days

PE lessons will start next week. Children should come to school in their [full PE kit](#) on PE days.

Monday	Owls and Starlings
Tuesday	Wrens, Kingfishers, Sparrows and Finches Starlings
Wednesday	Herons, Ravens and Eagles
Thursday	Wrens, Kingfishers, Sparrows and Finches
Friday	Herons, Ravens and Eagles Owls (Swimming)

### Snack Trolley & Snacks from Home

While many if not all of us enjoy an occasional sweet treat, it is important we model good healthy balances to our children.

Our daily snack trolley contains;

Monday - Thursday. Whole pieces of fresh fruit e.g. apples, bananas, fresh fruit pots/fruit kebabs, raisins, breadsticks, vegetable sticks, milk.

Friday (Treat Friday) - As per Monday-Thursday but also fruit juice, milkshake and one sweeter treat such as flapjack/blueberry muffin.

Prices range from 20p-40p

We respectfully ask that snacks from home mirror what is available in school. Children in Early Years and Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2) receive free school fruit which they have at afternoon break having brought their own snack or bought a snack from the trolley in the morning. Many families find it easier for the younger children to bring their own rather than manage money however it is the choice of individual families.

### Lunch Menu

Please note we will be continuing with the summer menu until October. The current [menu](#) is displayed on our website.. Next week (12<sup>th</sup> Sept) will be Week 1. Please note there will be a change to next Monday's menu, we will be serving Beef Burger in a roll served with Wedges, followed by a Cornflake crispy.



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## Essential Diary Dates Only



### Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of Autumn Term – INSET Staff Training Days. School Closed to children.	Whole School
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	School re-opens for all children for the autumn term 2022	Whole School
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 3.30 –4.30	Open classrooms informal meet the teacher	Whole School
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Phonics Night	EY and KS1 – Wrens, Kingfishers, Finches & Sparrows

**Best wishes**

**Mr Paul Griffiths - Headteacher**