

SCHOOL MARKS THE PASSING OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II



On Friday 9th September, pupils from Years 1 to 6 came together in an assembly to mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

This was a celebration of her remarkably full and varied life and built upon what we had covered to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee in June earlier this year.

During this national period of mourning there are a range of possible scenarios that may impact upon the school and its families, not least the date set for the Royal Funeral. We will of course keep you informed of developments.

The Right Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely, has shared two prayers families may wish to share when thinking of the Royal Family at this sad time.

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death, and may her example continue to inspire us as we pray for her repose in your glory; through Jesus Christ her Lord and ours.

Amen.

We pray for our new monarch, Charles III and for the Queen Consort, Camilla. Pour out your blessing upon them as they mourn the loss of the Queen and as he, supported by his consort and the whole Royal Family, learns from her service the nature of the calling to which he now responds; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Year 5 and 6 pupils have created portraits of the Queen and her labelled her characteristics they most admired.

YEAR 5/6 DEVELOP SURVIVAL SKILLS

Y5/6 have been learning how to 'survive' this week, after we had an unfortunate plane crash in a tropical rainforest. They have had to salvage items from the plane wreck and use these to make a shelter to withstand coconut drops and a heavy rain storm! The children have also learnt how to trap, kill and cook a wild peccary as well as make rescue symbols with their bodies. Using their compass skills, they managed to navigate their way out of the forest and make a raft to cross a wide river, in the hope of reaching safety!

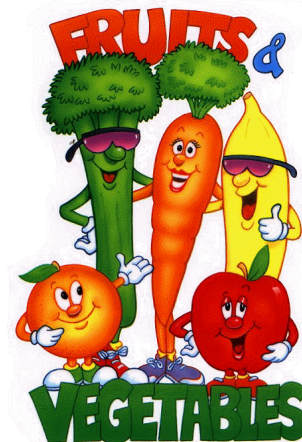


KEY DIARY DATES

13th Sept	Key Stage 1 Meet The Teacher @ 8:45am Oliver Twist Production Visit for KS1 & KS2 pupils
14th Sept	Year 3/4 Meet The Teachers @ 8:45am
15th Sept	Year 5/6 Meet The Teachers @ 8:45am
22nd Sept	WVC Open Evening @ 5-7pm
18th Oct	Y5/6 @ WVC Matilda Performance
21st Oct	Last Day Autumn 1 Half Term
1st Nov	First Day of Autumn 2 Half Term—Children return to school



Mark Your Calendar



Just Eat More (fruit & veg)

Please encourage your child to bring piece of fruit for their morning snack if in KS2 (from Monday 12th September it will be fruit only - not fruit wipers or cereal bars). In KS1 fruit is provided by the government. Fruit is a great energy booster, and packed with vitamins to boost immunity, so makes a great midmorning snack!

POPPY THE DOG JOINS THE SCHOOL TEAM!

Every Tuesday morning we will be inviting Poppy the dog into school. A full risk assessment has been completed which will be available on our website. Poppy is a 2 year old Labrador who is owned by Mrs Pendle and has been chosen because of her calm nature.

There has been extensive research about the many benefits that can be seen by having a school dog.

- Dogs teach children about responsibility
- Dogs teach children patience.
- Dogs teach children about socialisation
- Dogs are fun – they greet you with a wagging tail every day and put a smile on your face, even on a bad day.

Poppy regularly goes to the vet for yearly vaccinations, flea and worm treatments. The children will only be able to interact with her under strict supervision and as long as parental permission has been given. She will initially be in school on Tuesday 13th September where the children can meet her in assembly.

Poppy will be based in Sea Turtles class away from the classrooms and the children. We hope Poppy will be able to help some of our children who need some social and emotional support.

If your child does have allergies or any reason they may be worried by Poppy please do let us know.



DON'T FORGET



Please adhere to one way system at the beginning and end of school day. Thank you.



Meet the TEACHER

The week commencing the 12th September will see teachers and pupils invite parents in to hear about the forthcoming year in their respective classes and see the environment in which they learn each day.

Following the prolonged period of Covid, in which parents access to the school has been limited, we are keen to show how the school has developed and improved.

A Google Form has been sent out to all KS1 and KS2 parents to establish who may be coming. If you have yet please do check your emails . We'd love to see you there.

Mrs Garbutt, Mrs Wallace and Mr Harrison, alongside members from FOSS, will be greeting parents with tea and biscuits first so don't miss out!