



IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- School closed for National Holiday Monday 19th September. All pupils return Tuesday 20.9.22.
 - School photographer Tuesday 20th September (full school uniform for all pupils – no PE kit).
 - Make a note of important upcoming dates:
 - Meet the teacher
 - Explore the curriculum
 - Parent/carer consultations
 - Reception pupils to bring in items on Tuesday for 'forest school' (items to stay in school all week).
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SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS

HRH QUEEN ELIZABETH II:

As communicated earlier this week, school will be closed on Monday 19th September due to the national holiday taking place in commemoration of the funeral Queen Elizabeth II. We continue to give thanks for her years of service as monarch and pray for the repose of her soul.

Eternal rest grant unto Queen Elizabeth, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

We pray too for His Majesty the King as he assumes his new office and pray that he may follow his mother's example of unwavering faith, dedication and selflessness throughout his reign.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL VIA DUCKPOOL LANE:

Please continue to assume that school access via Dockendale Lane will continue to be closed until we communicate any further updates. Please be reminded that anyone accessing school on foot via the back lane does so at their own risk.

RECEPTION CLASS FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS:

This week, our pupils in Reception Class will be taking part in some outdoor sessions in the forest school. Pupils should bring a carrier bag with wellies, gloves and spare socks on Tuesday 20th September. These items will stay in school for the duration of the week. Pupils must also have an appropriate outdoor coat (with a hood) in school each day. All items of clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

FLU VACCINATION LETTERS:

All parental consent forms for this year's flu vaccinations have now been collected from school. Any outstanding forms must now be sent directly to: Palmer Community Hospital, Wear Street, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear, NE32 3UX.

UNIFORM REMINDERS:

Please note that black trainers (ie. Sports branded training shoes/footwear) should not be worn to school as school shoes.

Leggings should also not be worn for PE; all pupils should wear plain navy tracksuit bottoms.

If you have any queries about the school's uniform policy or dress code, please contact Mr Wheatley for a discussion.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER:

The school photographer will be in on Tuesday 20th September for individual pupil and school sibling photos. Please ensure your child comes in to school in full school uniform. It is a normal school day, so expectations around hair, make-up and jewellery do not change.

This week, Years 1 and 2 should come in to school in full uniform on Tuesday not their PE kit.

MEET THE TEACHER:

At the start of term, we would like to invite parents/carers in to school to meet their child's new class teacher. Should parents/carers wish to take advantage of this opportunity, they can pop in to their child's new class after school, have a look at the classroom and meet with school staff. Pupils and siblings are welcome to attend with their parents/carers.

The dates for the open afternoons will be:

- Reception class and KS1 – 3:15-3:45pm Monday 26th September 2022
- KS2 – 3:15-3:45pm Wednesday 28th September 2022

The sessions are intended to be an informal way to set the tone for the coming year during which we hope to see parents/carers in school much more regularly. Given the nature and intention of the afternoons, it would not be the most appropriate forum for parents/carers to raise anything significant with their child's class teacher. As ever, if you feel that there is something important you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher or a senior leaders, please contact the school office. We will always make time to discuss these issues and will do so at a mutually convenient time allowing for appropriate discussion and dialogue.

EXPLORE THE CURRICULUM:

Later in the term, we will also be having 'explore the curriculum' open events (similar to those held in the Summer Term) during which parents will be able to share in some of the learning that has taken place over the first weeks of the new school year and look at the child's school books with them. These sessions will take place on the following dates:

CLASS	DATE
Reception	Tuesday 8 th November, 9am
Year 1	Friday 4 th November, 9am
Year 2	Thursday 3 rd November, 9am
Year 3	Thursday 3 rd November, 2:30pm
Year 4	Wednesday 2 nd November, 9am
Year 5	Wednesday 2 nd November, 2:30pm
Year 6	Tuesday 1 st November, 2:30pm

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS:

We will be trialling a new format for parent/carer consultations ('parents' evenings') this year. Teachers will now be available throughout the day for morning, afternoon and evening appointments, which can be in person or by telephone. Pupils' targets will be shared in advance of the meetings, and of course parents/carers will have had the opportunity to look at work in the books during our 'explore the curriculum' sessions. Appointments will take place between 9am and 6pm and will be booked via eschools (details to be shared in a few weeks). The dates for this terms consultations will be:

CLASS	DATE
Reception	Monday 14 th November 2022
Year 1	Wednesday 16 th November 2022
Year 2	Thursday 17 th November 2022
Year 3	Tuesday 15 th November 2022
Year 4	Tuesday 22 nd November 2022
Year 5	Monday 21 st November 2022
Year 6	Wednesday 23 rd November 2022

