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Today, on this very sad day I would like to join you in mourning the death of our Queen, HRH Queen Elizabeth II. In assembly we have addressed the sad passing of the Queen. We have done this in a warm and factual manner. We have also used this assembly as opportunity to celebrate her life and reflect on what we can learn from our great Queen. She will be greatly missed.

To end the assembly on a positive note, we introduced the children to our new King, King Charles III. The children may come home with questions but teachers have been answering these throughout the day as they have arisen.

"Welcome back" to parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children and welcome to the families of Key Stage One children new to our school. I do hope that you have all had a pleasant summer and enjoyed the time with your children. The children all look so lovely and smart in their new school uniforms and there were so many happy smiles this week. It has been a very positive start for all our children and there is a calm and enthusiastic learning atmosphere throughout the school.

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 have settled back into school routines happily and are establishing friendships in their classes and are getting to know their new class teachers and their expectations as regards work and behaviour.

I would also like to warmly welcome all parents of Year R children and particularly those parents who have not previously had children at our school. We look forward to getting to know your children and all of you over the coming weeks and months.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school These will be kept in school and will be washed and refilled daily.

Coats

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school every day with a coat as the weather is very changeable at the moment.

Year 2 Birds of Prey Experience: Monday 12 September

Thank you to all the parents who have made a voluntary contribution towards this experience. If you have not yet done so, please can you as a matter of urgency. Without a significant number of parents contributing we will be unable to offer exciting learning opportunities for the children in the future.

Year 2 Ukulele Club

If you have signed up, via our Google form, for your child to receive tuition from a visiting music specialist this will commence on Tuesday 13 September. All children have been accepted into this club. Invoices will be sent out shortly.

Date for your Diary: Jeans for Genes Day 23 September

Friday, 23 September is Jeans for Genes Day. Jeans for Genes is run by a charity called Genetic Disorders UK and is an event that we support annually. The charity carries out important research into genetic disorders which affect many children and their families. We ask that children wear their jeans to school on this day, with their normal school shirts and sweatshirts and suitable school shoes. In return for wearing their jeans, we ask that children bring in voluntary contributions. The money will then be collected from classes and sent off to help support the important work that this charity carries out. As a school we can, together, help to make a real difference.

Breakfast and Beehive After School Club Invoices

These invoices have now been sent out for children in Year 1 and Year 2 and a payment should be made against your account shortly. Invoices for children in Year R will be sent out next week.

Cool Milk

If you would like your child to have milk in the morning whilst they are at school and you have not yet ordered this for your child please go to <u>www.coolmilk.com</u>. Please be advised that orders take some days to be processed before we are made aware.

Parking around the School Site

Please can I ask parents to be mindful when they are dropping off and collecting their children at the beginning and the end of the day. Please can you ensure that you are not blocking their driveways, even if you are only going to be a few minutes.

Second-hand Uniform

We have a large selection of second-hand uniform which is available for you to purchase (via an honesty box). This is located in the reception lobby. With ever increasing costs, this is worth a look before purchasing new uniform.

Reporting Absence

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<u>https://studybugs.com/about/parents</u>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Forest School Sessions

Timetable for this half term was sent out half last term. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following link <u>Autumn A</u><u>Timetable</u>.

Lunch Menu

Next week's menu will be: Week 3. Please click on the following link to access the menu online: <u>menu</u>. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret Headteacher