

# Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



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

## **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to everyone. We hope you all had a great summer and were able to rest and relax.

## **Sad News**

It is with great sadness that we, as a country, learn the news that Queen Elizabeth II passed away on Thursday 8 September.

## **Letter to all churches from Bishop Rachel**

It is with deep sadness that we hear the news of the Queen's death. As our sense of loss ripples out across the nation, commonwealth and world, we give thanks for a life well lived. Whether we met her in person, saw her from a distance, or simply encountered her in our homes in newspapers, on the radio or on screen, we knew her as our Queen. We also knew that her leadership and dedication to her people was rooted in her Christian faith.

As a follower of Jesus Christ the Queen embodied the call to love God and neighbour. And so in these days of sadness and sorrow may we reflect this same commitment in our homes, communities and nation, as the Queen said in her Christmas Day speech 1957 (*the first one to be televised*):

*"Today we need a special kind of courage, not the kind needed in battle*

*but a kind which makes us stand up for everything that we know is right, everything that is true and honest. We need the kind of courage that can withstand the subtle corruption of the cynics so that we can show the world that we are not afraid of the future (Queen's Speech.)"*

Our churches should be a place people can come for prayer and reflection as we give thanks for Queen Elizabeth II and pray for Charles, our new King, the Royal family and the life of our communities, nation and Commonwealth.

I ask that you keep your church doors open and share with your community that they are welcome to visit to say a prayer or light a candle.

An official book of condolence is available in the Cathedral for anyone who wishes to write a personal message. You may choose to open your own book of condolence as well, if you do I would be grateful if you can inform Lucy Taylor on [ltaylor@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:ltaylor@glosdioc.org.uk), so she can share with the media and through our diocesan comms.

*"May she rest in peace and rise in glory."*

Bishop Rachel

### **Building Work Update**

Thank you so very much to all Governors, staff, parents, pupils, volunteers and friends of our school for your time over the summer. We appreciate the effort, skills and enthusiasm that you brought so much and it has been wonderful to work alongside you all to develop this wonderful environment for our children.

Thank you!

Victoria Leather

Chair of Governors



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered over the summer. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of Mrs Leather who has coordinated, encouraged and driven the work over the holidays. We are so thankful for the support and time of volunteers and everyone who has helped over the last few weeks.

Mr Greaves and the Whole School Community



### **Welcome to the Oak Hill Team**

We are delighted to welcome several new faces to Oak Hill this year.

Mr Jason Avards is teaching Year 3/4, Miss Roxanna Battersby is working within Miss Attwood's class and Mrs Alison Sharkey is our Administrator and Finance Officer.



### **House Captains**

Welcome to our new House and Vice House Captain. We are really looking

forward to watching them lead their houses throughout the year, setting the example for the rest of the children.



### **Wraparound Care**

We are delighted to have started our Breakfast Club and After School Club. We are learning as we go along, so please bear with us.

Over the next few weeks, myself, school staff and Governors will be covering Breakfast and After School Club while Mrs Harding recovers from an operation. We wish Lisa a very speedy recovery and send her our thoughts and prayers.

### **News from FOOHs**

The parent/carer's picnic on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September has been moved to 4pm at Alderton park. All current and prospective parents are welcome. Please bring a picnic blanket, snacks and come along and meet other parents.

Sadly, the Ceilidh scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> October has been cancelled.

Save the Date - School Disco Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November!

More FOOHs news to follow soon in our start of term newsletter.

### **Change of Details**

Please can you let us know of any change in details. We will be sending out Data Collection Sheets in the next couple of weeks to provide further checks.

### **School Permissions**

We are only sending photo permission forms to the new children in school this year. If you wish to alter your permissions, or can't remember what permissions you have given, please contact the office.

### **Real PE Training**

During our INSET Day, teaching staff learnt all about Real PE that we will be introducing to support our PE, Gym and Dance curriculum during the year.

Real PE is about creating positive relationships with physical activity for life. It uses physical literacy, emotional literacy and thinking skills to achieve in PE, Sport and life.

The teachers really enjoyed the training and cannot wait to start using the resources.



### **Harvest Festival 2022**

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our Harvest Festival on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2pm at Alderton Church.

## The Thrive Approach

We are all looking forward to starting our Thrive work again this year with the children. Mrs Edwards has been busy over the summer and has passed two courses to help her support our children's needs; Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism and Level 2 Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health. Congratulations to Mrs Edwards.

## School Residential

Get those suitcases ready, it's not long to go! Redwood Class will be off on their residential trip from 3rd to 7th October. During this time the children will take part in various outdoor pursuits including surfing, rock scrambling, orienteering and mountain biking. The children have chosen hoodies in 'orange crush'. Please return order forms by Monday.

## Half Termly Christian Value

**FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT**

Friend- a person you know well and like  
Respect- admiration for a person's or thing's good qualities; politeness or consideration  
(Oxford School Dictionary)

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you  
Matthew 7:12

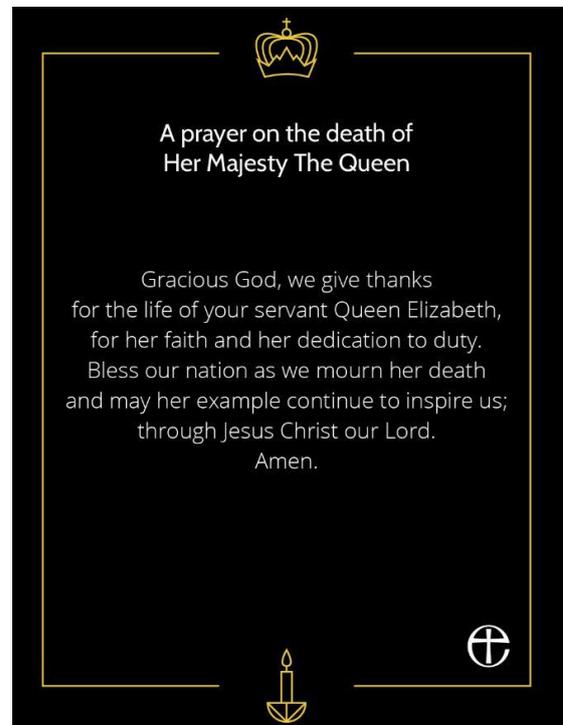
Respect is one of the greatest expressions of love.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"  
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

## Church Service in Alderton

We are now holding a special Service of Holy Communion during this period of mourning - all are welcome

Sunday 11th September - 10.30am  
Alderton.



A special Service of Commemoration will be held in due course.

## Dumbleton Cricket Club

On behalf of the whole school community, I wanted to wish Dumbleton CC the best of luck in the final of the Voneus Village Knockout Final at Lords on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. What a day to remember! Good Luck!!

## Class Names

To celebrate new changes and exciting futures, we have changed the names of the classes. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are called Rowan, Year 3 and 4 are called Elm and Year 5 and 6 are called Redwood.

## Rowan Class

What a fantastic first week we have had in Rowan Class! We have spent lots of time getting to know our new learning environment and where everything is. We have made new friends and got to know our new teachers. We started the week talking about our summer holiday adventures and wrote about this for our first independent write. We have also done lots of fun activities so that the teachers can get to know us! In Maths, we have begun our new unit of place value as well as working on our number recognition and formation. Year 2 have been recapping counting in 10s and matching the tens and ones to the two digit numbers. This week we also started our new PE unit and got to use the school hall for our lesson on balance.



## Elm Class

Elm Class have worked creatively one afternoon to put their own, personal touch to a representation of Matisse's *The Snail* artwork. We have also begun a two-week study in English based upon the book 'The Wolves in the Walls' and learnt about the features of an ecosystem in the lead-up to our Science topic entitled 'Food and the Digestive System'.





### **Redwood Class**

It was wonderful to welcome the children back into school on Tuesday and being able to show off all the hard work that has gone into the school over the summer holidays. During our first day as a class, we set the rules and expectations for our school year and the children also spent some time thinking about a personal goal they would like to achieve this year. The children will be focusing on working as a team this year, supporting each other both inside and outside of the classroom.

We started our History topic this week. Our topic is called Maafa and focuses on the African slave trade. The children started by exploring new topic specific vocabulary and then on Wednesday, with Mrs Kendall, they explored Africa. They were lucky enough to have a look at lots of beautiful items Mrs Kendall collected on her own African travels.

In Maths we are starting the year on number and place value. The children have worked with increasingly large numbers correctly identifying the place value of numbers up to 10 million.

In Science, we have started our unit on the circulatory system. We started looking at all the different systems that work to make our bodies function and the children then identified the key function of each and how they work together to keep us fit and healthy.

Our class reading book and focus for our VIPERS lessons is 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson which this links closely to our topic and I can't wait to get stuck into it!





### **Stars of the Week**

#### **Rowan Class:**

Stars of the Week: All of the Reception children for such a brilliant start to their time at Oak Hill.

#### **Elm Class:**

Value of the Week: Jack for treating others with such kindness and helping others.

Star of the Week: Penny was always listening, working hard and trying her best this week. She has been a role model in class!

#### **Redwood Class:**

Stars of the Week: Freddie: fantastic focus and an excellent independent write.

Elliott: effective and engaging descriptive work.

### **Diary Dates**

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

#### **September**

19<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 meeting with Winchcombe teachers (parents) 4pm

23<sup>rd</sup> Harvest Festival 2pm

#### **October**

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 5/6 Residential visit

18<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

19<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

20<sup>th</sup> Break Up

21<sup>st</sup> INSET Day

31<sup>st</sup> School returns

#### **November**

10<sup>th</sup> School Disco

11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day