



Jerounds Journal

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last week, we lost one of the world's most familiar faces and voices. Throughout her 70 year reign, Queen Elizabeth II spoke to and for the nation at times of crisis, historical change, personal tragedy and national triumph. In assembly on Friday morning, we shared the many links that Her Majesty had with Essex and it was good for the children to 'contextualise' this significance through a compilation of some of her most notable speeches and visits; all as a reminder of how Her Late Majesty used her voice to guide the country through periods of uncertainty, provide comfort at times of sadness and share joy at moments of celebration.



Despite commencing a period now of national mourning, our children were able to make many ***positive links*** between language development and communication, and how the Queen conveyed integrity, passion, respect, justice, responsibility and collaboration – all of our school values – in her servitude to our nation. Or as one child so aptly pointed out during assembly - '***the Queen demonstrated all of our school values***'.

Subsequently, please continue to speak daily with your child, using interesting and varied vocabulary, full sentences and always discuss a wide variety of topics or news. As the year progresses, you will be quite astounded with the quality of talk your child will have at their disposal!

'In school, oracy is a powerful tool for learning; by teaching pupils to become more effective speakers and listeners we empower them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them. It is also a route to social mobility, empowering all pupils, not just some, to find their voice to succeed in school and life'.

A polite reminder also, that ***school will be closed on Monday 19th September***, all day. This day will commemorate the funeral of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



On to other news...

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and this term's first edition of *Jerounds Journal*, our fortnightly newsletter exclusively for Jerounds community. You'll find subsequent editions filled with resources, ideas and inspiration to help you and your child get talking about their daily life in school. For now, I will direct you towards our social media platforms, where you will witness Jerounds in action! If you're a new member to our community – welcome! And if you're continuing with us after a summer break, welcome back!

A new school year always brings with it the promise of new beginnings and fresh starts. This new term is no different. It is a chance to establish, or re-establish, a classroom culture in which pupils have opportunities to learn to and through talk and actions, making sure every voice and movement is valued and celebrated. Our newsletter this week will focus on highlighting school information and the breadth and depth of exciting opportunities available to your child during daily, school life.

Information regarding the forthcoming year—curriculum newsletters, year groups' long term planning, useful resources and so on, will all be added to the school website, by the end of the week for your perusal. Please do take time out to explore the year ahead with your child. Likewise, consider the many new topics that child will be learning and plan a trip to the local library to research and investigate this fabulous free resource. Music , Art and Sports lesson begin this week with our Specialist Teachers/Coaches.

Finally, we will continue to communicate with parents and carers through Arbor communication—this includes, but not exclusively—extra-curricular clubs, payments for Wrap Around Care, school trips, parent consultation evenings and 'actions' from either individual class teachers or the Office team.

We hope you have a fantastic (and talk-filled!) start to the year!

Best wishes,

Mrs Laura Ciftci BA(Hons) MEd

Head of School



Useful Websites

Here is a really useful list of websites with free games and activities that you can introduce to your child to supplement and consolidate their learning:

[BBC Spellits](#) (Spelling games) (KS2)

[BBC Bitesize](#) (Spelling and grammar) (KS2)

[Academic Skill Builders](#) (Literacy and maths games) (KS1 & KS2)

[Crickweb](#) (Literacy and maths educational games) (KS2)

[Kids Spell](#) (Create your own spelling lists & games) (KS1 & KS2)

[Fun Brain](#) (Maths, reading and spelling games) (KS1 & KS2)

[Learning Games for Kids](#) (Spelling and word games) (KS1 & KS2)

[Eduplace.com](#) (Levelled spelling and vocabulary games) (KS1 & KS2)

[PrimaryGames.com](#) (Spelling rules, incl. vowels, blends, plurals etc) (KS1 & KS2)

[ICT Games.com](#) (Look, cover, check game) (KS1 & KS2)

[The Times Spelling Bee](#) (Listen to a word and spell it) (KS2) (14 day trial: £1)

[Manythings.org](#) (Aimed at ESL students but includes useful spelling & vocabulary games) (KS2)

[Spelling city](#) (Vocabulary and spelling interactive activities, printable worksheets, games) (KS2)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> (Topmarks gives children the opportunity to learn online, through safe, fun and engaging games and activities. (KS1/KS2)

SAT's revision:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/>

Parents advice

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/>

Important information regarding attendance

There is no entitlement to parents to take their child/children out of school during term time. All leave of absence must be applied for in writing to the Head of School for consideration.

If absence is not authorised and the holiday is taken, the case will be referred to the Education Welfare Service who may issue a Penalty Notice for £120 (£60 if paid within 21 days) to each parent for each child taken out of school.

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Polite Reminders

- Jerounds has a no jewellery policy, this includes earrings. Watches are permitted.
- Please be considerate when parking near our school and remember our neighbours.
- Have you changed your telephone number or email address recently? If so, please contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure all details are up to date.