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Message from Mrs Peart

We have had a wonderful first week in school this week, and we are so proud of how the children have all come back smiling and ready to begin their new learning journey this year! Staff have loved getting to know their new class group and a range of activities have been organised to help the children settle into their new class environment.

As I am sure you all were, staff in school were saddened to hear the news last night about the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen was an extraordinary lady who served our country with humility, dignity and grace. We know that many people around the world will be feeling this significant loss today and in the weeks to come.

We held a special assembly in school this morning with our KS1 classes (Rose, Tulip, Bluebell, Poppy & Snowdrops). As part of our Turrets & Tiaras topic, the children are learning about the Queen's life and the impact she has had on our country. We talked about her legacy as the longest serving monarch in the UK and how many people will be feeling sad. We want the children to know that it is okay to feel sad at a time like this, but we also want them to know that we need to be kind and treat each other with empathy during this time too.

We have had guidance from the government which states that for the time being, schools will remain open; but further guidance will be shared in the coming days and we will share plans with you once we know more.

Term Dates & INSET Days

Our term dates and INSET days for the this academic year are set and these can be viewed on the app or on our website [here](#). We have worked with the Junior School to ensure the days that both schools are closed are the same to make things easier for our families. INSET Days are when school is closed for staff training so children do not need to attend on those days.

EYFS Information Meeting

Sadly, before the holidays, we were unable to hold our usual welcome meeting for new parents whose children are joining us in Sunflower, Buttercup and Daisy classes. The extreme weather got in the way of our plans! We have now re-organised this meeting so that we can share the key information you need to be able to fully support your child during this important year. **The meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th September at 9am in the hall, and we are happy to repeat this at 5pm for any parents who are unable to get into school during the day.** We have sent a letter home with children today for parents to sign up for the meeting. Please return the slip on the letter so we know how many people to expect. Unfortunately, if there is not enough interest, the evening meeting may not go ahead.

School Lunches - Parent Pay

Thank you so much for your support with getting up and running with our new lunchtime ordering system. I know that moving to a different platform to order dinners isn't easy, and despite some early teething problems, it is now working well. If you have not yet done so, please login to your account so that it is activated. We are currently working with Sitwell Junior School to plan special theme days through the year, which we will share with you shortly. Even if your child has packed lunches most of the time, please still login so that you are able to access the special theme days if you want to in the future.

Healthy School Lunches

We want to ensure all parents know that we are a nut free school; therefore, children are not able to bring any items containing nuts into school with their packed lunch. We have children in school that have severe nut allergies so we need to adhere to this policy in order to keep everyone safe.

Please also ensure that your child's packed lunch is healthy with not too many sweet treats in. We will share the healthy lunch leaflet on the school app to help you ensure their lunch box has what they need each day.

School Money

School Money is the online system that we use in school for parents to pay for uniform, after school clubs, breakfast clubs and educational visits. All parents need to make payments online for these things as we are now a cashless school. We are in the process of transferring our new Foundation children onto this system and once this is done, parents will receive a welcome message and you will be able to login to pay for any items you need.

Uniform

We have had lots of the uniform held in school purchased over the last week, so unfortunately some sizes are now sold out. We have placed a further order and hopefully this will be with us very soon.

You can check stock levels of the uniform items in the 'Shop' section of your School Money account. Once items are back in stock we will update the system and you can then just purchase online. We will receive notification of this and will then send the uniform home with your child.

It is very important that you label your child's clothes so that we know who they belong to. Obviously, items of clothing get put down throughout the school day and it is very difficult for staff

to find the owner if there is no name in them! We would be grateful if you could check your child's uniform is labelled ready for a new week next week. Please also ensure that your child has their full PE kit in their school PE bag ready for full PE lessons to begin next week.

PE Sessions

Each week, children will take part in PE lessons as part of the wider curriculum that we offer. Children in KS1 need to spend 2 hours per week in PE, and children in EYFS spend one hour per week in PE and the rest of their physical development provision is delivered through the outdoor area. Please find below the days which each class will be taking part in PE:

Rose Class (Mrs Razaq) - Tuesday & Friday

Tulip Class (Mrs Smith) - Wednesday & Friday

Bluebell Class (Miss Wadsworth) - Monday & Thursday

Poppy Class (Mrs Lilley/Mrs Green) - Tuesday & Friday

Snowdrop Class (Miss Griffiths) - Tuesday & Thursday

Sunflower Class (Miss Todd) - Wednesday

Buttercup Class (Mrs Hague) - Wednesday

Daisy Class (Miss Hainsworth) - Thursday

It is essential that your child does not wear earrings on the days which they will take part in PE for safety reasons. Please ensure these are taken out before school each day.

After School Provision

We have now shared the after school provision that is on offer for children this half term. **Please note that the after school clubs are only available for children in Rose, Tulip, Bluebell, Poppy and Snowdrop classes this half term.** We want to give our new children time to settle into the school routine before we extend the school day any further. When we return to school in November, clubs will be opened up to all children in school.

Thank you to everyone who has paid already for the clubs; if you have not done so already, please make sure payment is made before Monday as your child will not be able to take part if payment has not been made.

Road Safety

Sadly, we have had several reports of dangerous driving around the roads outside of school, which have resulted in members of our school community being hurt. Please make sure you are driving carefully around school and are not parking or mounting the kerb. If these issues continue, we will have to report this to the Local Authority and involve the local Police Officers.

Google Classroom

We are in the process of organising new Google Classroom pages for each class for this new academic year. The old classrooms from last year have been archived, and children will be moved into their new classes today. Parents will just need to join the new class when they go to login.

Children in Sunflower, Buttercup & Daisy classes will be given a login for Google Classroom in the next few weeks. Information about this will be shared during the welcome meeting next week.

Reading Routines

At Sitwell Infant School, we love reading and we want all of our children to develop a love of reading too. We have given all children a new reading diary this week and they have been able to choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book from the corridor that we would love you to share with them at home. Each week, children will be able to change their reading for pleasure book as often as they like, and when we begin our Phonics & Reading lessons fully, they will also be given a book from Read, Write Inc, which is the Phonics & reading scheme that we follow. We will be holding a meeting about Read, Write Inc in the next few weeks.