



# Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

*Nurturing minds and hearts through God's love*

## Newsletter – 12/9/22

Dear Parents,

Many thanks for the work you have done with your children to help the return to school be so smooth – they have come back absolutely brilliantly and we are so impressed.



### HRH Queen Elizabeth II

I'm sure that you, like us, were saddened by the Queen's passing on Thursday. Whether you are a royalist or not, our Queen has been a constant through the lives of most of our school community, and her death signifies a historic change in our country. On Friday, we spoke to our classes about the news, we said a prayer for her and the rest of the royal family and some classes made sympathy cards. It was our plan at that time to mark the day of her funeral as a memorial day, but you will have no doubt heard that this has become a bank

holiday and school will be closed. We have therefore moved our memorial day to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Look out on twitter (@parochialschool) to see how our classes choose to mark the day.

### Parent Contact

Our office communication is now officially paperless! There will be the odd message that we are advised to send you as a hard copy, but most contact will come via email and e-schools. Mrs Baird is a dab hand at setting this up (she had to help me!) but once it is up and running, we feel it will be much more efficient than having letters lost by little people and far more environmentally sustainable. In addition to these official lines of communication, we also have twitter and Facebook. You may know that our Facebook page was infiltrated by scammers who we could not shake off! The page has now been deleted and replaced by a group which you need to be approved of to join. Simply search Whickham Parochial on Facebook, tell us who you are and agree to the group rules and I'll get you approved asap.

### Coming Soon, Whole School Events:

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Queen's Memorial Day** (see above)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – European Day of Languages** We will celebrate this by having a French day. Sarah from Kidslingo will spend time with each class working on the theme of Superheroes and our class teachers will do some fun French activities. If your child would like to come in the colours of Le Tricolore (red, white and blue) or dressed up as a superhero – they are very welcome to. Otherwise, school friendly non-uniform will be fine.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Flu nasal sprays given** This will only be administered to parents who have returned their consent forms, the deadline for which is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Hello Yellow Day** Our annual day of exploring mental health and wellbeing. Children are encouraged to bring in £1 in aid of Young Minds and to dress in cheerful yellow.

All these dates are on our website and also on the calendar found in e-schools, in addition to other upcoming dates and holiday information. Please call or message if you have any questions.

Many thanks, as always, for your continuing support.

R Walton

Mrs Walton and the Parochial Staff

Don't forget, you can find lots of school information on our [website](#) – our letters are saved on there, you can find out about our curriculum, and we have our calendar and term dates too. If you are ever in need of information, it's a good place to start!