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16th September, 2022.

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been quite a start to September for the school and the country. Last week we had a special assembly on Friday morning to pay our respects to Queen Elizabeth and allow the children to discuss this huge and very sad event. It was important that we came together for this, having celebrated the Queen's achievement of 70 years of service to the country just a short while ago. The children, as always were sensible and respectful and are aware of the historical events happening in their lifetime. We are pleased that Monday has been announced a bank holiday as a mark of respect and a chance for people to watch the funeral. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday.

Star Assembly

We are so excited to be having our first live Star Assembly in well over two years! Today, we will be celebrating the achievements of the following children:

Year 6 – Destiny H and Ava D
Year 5 – Ellie C and Max T
Year 4 - Yusuf J and Amudha B
Year 3 – Maria S and Salaf H
Year 2 – Joshua M and Erin C
Year 1 – Kadi C and Lilly-Rose K

What a fantastic achievement to be our first stars of the new school year! As Reception children settle in, they will start to join us after half-term – we can already see how wonderfully they are settling in – stars in the making!

Term time holidays

As I wrote last term and last week, we will **not** be authorising term time holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances such as travel for a funeral or wedding of a close family member. Last year, we were lenient about this, given the circumstances of the pandemic, but it is essential that children do not miss their education at the best of times, and certainly after the disruption caused by lockdowns and isolation.

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Clubs

Many of you will have already heard about club allocations – we still have enquiries coming in so you will all hear by the start of the week (now Tuesday.) Please remember that we do require the £5 per family contribution to school fund to enable the clubs to run. Thank you to those of you who sent this in promptly.

Medical Forms

We are sending home medical forms with all children this afternoon. If your child has any medical needs, it is essential that you fill this in with up to date information and return it to school on Tuesday morning. Thank you in anticipation.

Upcoming Parent Workshop

On **Tuesday 11th October**, Ben Waterworth, from Beacon School Support will be running an interactive and informative workshop for parents/ carers entitled: 'Helping your child to be their best – at home and at school.' The session will run from 2pm – 3pm and is open to all parents/ carers who are interested in supporting their children in a variety of ways, including confidence, resilience and handling emotions, such as anger or worry. Ben will share strategies and ideas that you can take away and use at home. There will also be time to speak to him individually and ask any personal questions you would like answering. A flyer is attached to this email. There is no need to sign up for the workshop at this stage – you are welcome to come along at 2 pm. It promises to be a really useful informative workshop and we would love to see you there.

Calendar

I have included the calendar for the term with the events we have already - there may be additions as we progress through the term. As you will see in the notes, separate letters will be sent out closer to the time of each event.

I think that's all for now. Please keep checking for further messages next week. Until then, have a good and hopefully restful long weekend and we will see you again on **Tuesday 20th September**.

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth

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Calendar of events

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 19 th September	School closed for the Queen's funeral	
Thursday 22 nd September	Y6 transition meeting -3.30 – 4.30 pm	An informal meeting in Y6 classroom for those parents/carers who are unfamiliar with the secondary application process and are seeking advice
Friday 30 th September	Star Assembly	
Friday 7 th October	Reception/Y1 Reading/Phonics parent meeting in hall 2:30 pm	
Tuesday 11 th October	Beacon School Support Parent/carer workshop	See above
Friday 14 th October	Star Assembly	
Wednesday 19 th October	Parent/carer consultations - phone calls	For those parents /carers who are unable to come into school – letter will be sent
Thursday 20 th October	Parent/carer consultations – face to face	For those who are able to come into school and meet their children's class teacher(s) – letter will be sent
Friday 21 st October	Y5 Harvest Assembly – 9.00 am	Parents and carers welcome.
Half – term holiday: Monday 23rd - Friday 28th October		
Monday 31 st October	Children return to school	
Friday 4 th November	Open morning – 9.30 – 12.00 for parents/carers looking for a reception school place in 2023	
Friday 11 th November	Star Assembly	
Monday 14 th November	Anti-bullying week begins	
Thursday 17 th November	School photos	Letter will be sent
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Day	Children to wear spotty clothing/non-uniform. £1 contribution per child for Children in Need.
Friday 25 th November	Star Assembly	
Thursday 1 st December	Reception Christmas workshops am and pm	Letter will be sent
Friday 9 th December	Star Assembly Christmas Fayre Christmas Jumper Day	Letter will be sent
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas lunch day	To be booked on the app
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas celebration	Parents/carers welcome: details to be sent by letter
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term Class Christmas parties	Non - uniform: party clothes
Christmas Holiday: Monday 19 th December – Tuesday 3 rd January Return to school: Wednesday 4 th January		

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