

9th September 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of a new school year and a new term. I hope you all managed to have some rest and relaxation over the holiday period. It has been a busy but very productive week trying to get everyone settled and organised for a new term.

I'm afraid the week has been overshadowed by the death of Kieron O'Shea. Kieron was a dad to three children, Maisie, Connor and Bethan, who have all left us for secondary school. Kieron was also older brother to Mrs Duffy and Mr O'Shea and so we are all in a state of shock and sadness. We are making arrangements to cover Yellow Class and Class 1G until they are able to return to work. The Year 3 football club that Mrs Duffy was due to set up has been postponed for the time being. Please keep all of his family in your prayers.

We have also had the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts and prayers go to the family. Mrs Tottle-Nugent led an assembly this morning to mark this historic event and held a minute's silence as a mark of respect. We are pleased we were able to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee last term.

We were delighted to welcome Fr Mehall to school on Thursday for our first Mass of the school year. He brought with him the new assistant priest Fr Paul who has lived in Bristol for the last couple of years but is originally a missionary from China. We look forward to getting to know him in the coming months.

I have a few things to mention about school dinners.

School Dinners - Please ensure you book your child's meals on SchoolGrid ideally 2 weeks in advance.

Please pay for your school meals in advance via ParentPay (Please pay as far in advance as you can afford, as we are charged for every single transaction made on ParentPay.)

Thursday 6th October – on this day every child who usually has a packed lunch is welcome to try a school dinner. Please book it via SchoolGrid by 22nd September and if your child is in the juniors you would need to pay £2.52 via ParentPay. All Infant children are entitled to a free school meal so would not need to pay on this occasion.

I met with the HCL Catering manager on Tuesday and we have planned some **themed lunches** as follows:

Friday 4th November - Bonfire Night
Friday 11th November - Remembrance Day
Monday 23rd January - Chinese New Year
Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day
Friday 17th March - St Patrick's Day
Friday 21st April - St George's Day
Thursday 22nd June - Windrush Day

The planned menu will be uploaded onto SchoolGrid so you can choose your preferred food option.

At our meeting I also discussed the issue of **portion sizes** for the older children as we have received some complaints that they aren't given enough food. A review of this will be taken by the catering company in the next few weeks.

School Meals ordered but not taken – This has become an increasing issue resulting in significant food waste. If you order a meal for your child but then bring in a packed lunch without cancelling the meal, you will be charged for the wasted school meal. This includes all INFANT children as well as JUNIORS. Please order the meals in advance but do not forget to cancel if you know your child will not be in school for any reason.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher