Hannah Ball School

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Dear Parents,

I wanted to write to you following the very sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She served a monumental seventy years as Monarch, surpassing her great-great- grandmother, Queen Victoria to become the longest lived British Monarch. I am sure you will join us as a community in sending our thoughts and [prayers to her family at this very sad time.

Today, in our assembly, Mrs. Machingauta spent some time talking about her passing, and there will be further opportunities over the coming weeks to remember her in age appropriate ways. We will consider the guidance that we have been provided with carefully and reschedule any pre-planned events as necessary. We will endeavour to maintain as many activities as possible so that school remains as close to normal as it can be during this very sad time. Please note it has now been confirmed that her funeral will take place on Monday 19th September and this is a bank holiday. The school will of course be closed that day

Mr N.Hingley

Star of the Week

Reception

Reception's star of the week is for the whole class for settling well into school life. Well done and keep up the good work!

Year 1

Well done to all of our children for settling into year 1 so well. We have seen some lovely pieces of writing already and the children have worked hard on their phonics and maths this week. What an amazing first week!

Year 2

Shabarish -This has been his first week at Hannah Ball School and he has made an amazing start. He has come into school confidently and has been excited about his learning. Shabarish has settled in well to the class and has formed good relationships with his peers. Well done Shabarish!

Year 3

Zoya for an outstanding start to her time at Hannah Ball School. She always has a smile on her face and completes her work to the best of her ability.

Year 4

Yasmine - for trying hard in Maths, putting her hand up to answer questions with confidence and producing good work in her workbook.

Year 5

Laeeq for his very persuasive letter, he used a range of compelling sentence starters to explain his point of view.

Year 6

Rubye for an excellent start to Year 6 – she is always ready to learn and has shown a resilient and curious attitude towards her learning.

MESSAGES FROM THE TEACHERS & STUDENTS…

Reception

"What a big week it has been for our Reception children, they have all come in confidently and ready to learn. We are starting to learn the routines of our day and our classroom rules. We have had fun exploring the different areas of our classroom, inside and out, especially the mud kitchen! Reminder for parents: please can you provide a named pair of wellington boots that the children keep in school. The children will need a warm coat each day as we have access to the outside classroom each day. The children do not need a back pack just a book bag and a named water bottled containing fresh water daily. Please provide a spare set of named clothes (it does not need to be uniform)in a named carrier bag to be left at school, should we need them, as children have access to water play each day. We look forward to seeing you at 8.45 am on Monday for their first full week. **Pick up is at 3 pm.** Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2

The children in Year 2 have had a great first week back at school and have adapted well back into the routines. In English this week we have written our hopes and dreams for the coming academic year. They discussed what they want to achieve in Year 2 and what they are looking forward to. The children also became 'special agents' and wrote a fact file about themselves. They drew 5 objects in their secret agent briefcases that represented them. In Maths, we were recapping problem solving, place value and reasoning. The children used these skills to work out real life maths problems. This week in PSHE we discussed 'worries'. We had a circle time and discussed this emotion, what it means to feel worried and who we can talk to if we are worried. The children made their own worry monsters and wrote down any worries they had. Finally, in Art, the children used pastels to create fantastic self- portraits. We discussed shading and different techniques the children could use for their self- portraits. We will proudly display them in our classroom!

Year 4

Welcome back year 4! Well done for settling into the new routines extremely well. The children have been busy getting organised and have been great with listening to new instructions. We have started our new Maths unit this week on Place Value and have been using concrete resources to support our learning. In English we have been doing short bursts of writing, warming up our brains ready to begin our new unit in English next week linked to our topic of 'Ancient Egyptians'. Well done year 4 for a great first week back, keep up the good work!

Year 5

This week year 5 have had lots of opportunities for creative writing and have written some excellent persuasive letters to our new Prime Minister highlighting current issues. The children have settled in really well and have started to learn about our new topic 'Earth and Space' which will influence our history, art, DT and science learning for this half term.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a wonderful start to the year! In maths, they have begun their new unit on Place Value where they have been learning to read, represent and write numbers up to 10 million. I have been so impressed with their reasoning and use of mathematical language. In English, year 6 have shown just how creative they can be! They have written a range of pieces including a narrative, a setting description and a letter to Liz Truss. I have been impressed with their stamina for writing and their wonderful ideas. They have also had their first science lesson of the year, where they looked at how light travels and have learnt why the moon is not a light source. Well done year 6 - keep up the excellent work!

Requests:

YR5 – If you have any empty dozen egg boxes –please could we have them for our Y5 class we need about 12 for their school project.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022 Dates

Date	Event	Who?
September 2022		
Monday 5th September	INSET day	Whole school
Tuesday 6th September	Start of term	Whole School
Monday 12th September	3:30pm And 5pm 11+ test and secondary school transfer information evening	Year 6 parents
Tuesday 13th September	11+ practice test	Year 6 pupils
Thursday 15th September	11+ test	Year 6 pupils
Monday 19th September	Bank Holiday	Whole school
Tuesday 20th September	Wonderdome Planetarium	Reception Year 1 Year 5
Tuesday 20th September	Tempest individual (and sibling) photos	Whole school
Wednesday 21st September	Meet the teacher event 3:30pm	Whole school
October 2022		
Friday 21st October	Last day of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole school
Monday 31st October	Start of new half term School Opens	Whole school
December 2022		
Tuesday 20th December	Last day of term (Normal finish time)	Whole school

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2023 Dates

Date	Event	Who?
January 2023		
Weds 4th January	INSET Day – School Closed	Whole School
Thurs 5th January	Start of Spring Term –School Opens	Whole School
February 2023		
Friday 10th February	End of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
Monday 20th February	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
March 2023		
Friday 31st March	End of Spring Term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
April 2023		
Monday 17th April	INSET DAY – School closed	Whole School
Tuesday 18th April	Start of Summer term – School Opens	Whole School
May 2023		
Monday 8th May – Thursday 11th May	SATS WEEK	Year 6
Friday 26th May	End of half term (Normal finish time)	Whole School
June 2023		
Monday 5th June	INSET DAY – School Closed	Whole School
Tuesday 6th June	Start of half term – School Opens	Whole School
July 2023		
Tuesday 4th July	Transition day	Whole School
Wednesday 5th July	Transition day	Whole School
Friday 21st July	End of Summer Term (Timings tbc)	Whole School
September 2023		
Monday 4th September	Start of Autumn Term (tbc)	Whole School