

## Headteacher message

A warm welcome back to you all. I hope that you all enjoyed the fantastic tropical weather we had over the summer - it was hot! We have got off to a buoyant start to the academic year and as always your children have returned to school with a bounce in their step ready to learn. We held our first celebration assembly today to praise those children who have made a terrific start to the year.

### Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



The news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has touched many. This morning many of our children arrived to school expressing their sadness. We are now in a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. In this time of national grief, it is important to acknowledge her legacy and place in UK history as the longest reigning British monarch. It was only a few months ago that the nation joined in celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Classes have held discussions about the Queen's life and death today ensuring that the topic of death is dealt with sensitively in an age appropriate manner. For some children, as well as adults, her death may bring to the fore memories of those nearest and dearest to us who have passed, triggering raw emotions. There are a number of organisations who offer advice on this topic:

<https://www.helpguide.org/articles/grief/coping-with-grief-and-loss.htm>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/guides-to-support-and-services/bereavement/about-bereavement/>

### Family Support Advisor

We welcome Miss Alexia Waysay to our Bond team as Family Support Advisor. Miss Waysay will be available to support parents/families with any concerns that you may have which could impact on the welfare of your child. She is available Monday to Wednesday every week. Her role will also involve working with children. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a resource in our school and I hope that you will all make her feel very welcome.



## Dates for diary

### Autumn term class assemblies

Wednesday 28th September	Carnation
Wednesday 12th October	Rose
Wednesday 9th November	Protea
Wednesday 16th November	Lotus

### Wednesday 14th September

Meet the Teacher Meetings Years 1– 6

### Wednesday 14th September

Uniform sale

### Thursday 29th September

Meet the teacher meetings Nursery and Reception

### Half term

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

### Inset day

Monday 31st October

### Children return to school

Tuesday 1st November

## Meet The teacher Meetings

Meet the Teaching meetings will be taking place next Wednesday for year groups 1-6. Reception and nursery will be having their meetings at a later date This is an opportunity for you to meet the teachers in your child's year group and to be given key information about the year ahead. This 30 - 45minutes meeting will start at 3:30 . Year 6 parents will also receive information about secondary transfer.

# Health Updates

## Reception– year 6 Nasal Flu Vaccination

Please check your child's class dojo for a letter regarding nasal flu vaccination. The letter contains a link for you to access the e-consent form. This must be completed for your child to receive the vaccination. Please note the following:

1. Immunisation date 13th October
2. Select the correct full school name (there are multiple schools with similar names)
3. Only ONE parent needs to complete the consent form per child to avoid duplication
4. The portal closing date is **FINAL** – parents will need to contact the Immunisation Team directly after the closing date.

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## Living Safely with COVID-19



Continue to keep yourself and your loved ones safe



### 1 VACCINES



Get vaccinated to reduce your risk of catching Covid-19 and becoming seriously ill, and to reduce the risk of spreading the virus to others

### 2 FRESH AIR



Letting fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meeting outside to disperse Covid-19 particles and reduce the risk of spreading the virus

### 3 FACE COVERING



Consider wearing a face covering in crowded enclosed spaces

### 4 STAY AT HOME IF UNWELL



Try to stay at home if you are unwell

### 5 HAND WASHING



Wash your hands regularly to limit the spread of Covid-19

## Polio vaccine booster campaign in London

In August, the NHS launched an urgent polio vaccine booster campaign for 1-9 year olds in response to detection of poliovirus in sewage. The NHS will contact children when it is their turn to have the vaccine. Children aged 1-4 years will be vaccinated at their GP surgery and those aged 5-9 years will be vaccinated at the mass vaccination sites. Polio vaccine will be offered to those children who are unvaccinated (no/incomplete polio vaccination) and a booster will be offered to those who are fully vaccinated.

The risk to the population of developing symptomatic polio is assessed to be low, due to high vaccine coverage overall, and currently there have been no notified cases of polio in the UK. However, in some areas/communities with lower vaccine coverage, unvaccinated individuals may be at risk. The indicative timeline is to offer the polio vaccine to all 1 to 9 year olds in London by 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Parents and guardians can check their child's red book if they are unsure if their child has received this vaccine. More information and a short video clip on polio can be found here: 1) <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/polio/> 2) [IPV booster campaign video](#)

# Community

## WOOF FEST 🐾🐾

St Raphaels's are an exciting new event coming to Beddington Park (Wallington) on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September! Woof Fest is our brand-new fundraising event for furry friends and their wonderful humans.

There will be loads going on, including a central dog show ring with workshops, displays, a fun dog show, the chance to meet the Met Police dogs, a food and drink quarter and a market square with vendors offering human and doggy treats and products.

Pups and humans can also sign up and get sponsored to complete our Treasure Trail around the park too! All for a fantastic online price of £5!!

All information and tickets can be found at <https://www.straphaels.org.uk/wooffest>

# Attendance and Punctuality

Your child's attendance is important. Children who have poor attendance to school have lower academic outcomes due to having gaps in their learning. Children should be in school everyday unless they are too unwell to come to school or there are very significant extenuating circumstances. Family holidays should not be taken during term time—we monitor this carefully looking for year on year patterns. Requests for holidays are not likely to be granted and if taken may result in a penalty fine being issued to one/both parents for each child. Children who arrive very late after close of register will be marked using a 'u' code and this will be included in absence figures.

Our school target is 96% and we must all work hard together to achieve this for each of our children. If you are experiencing any difficulties in achieving this, please speak with Miss Waysay as soon as possible.

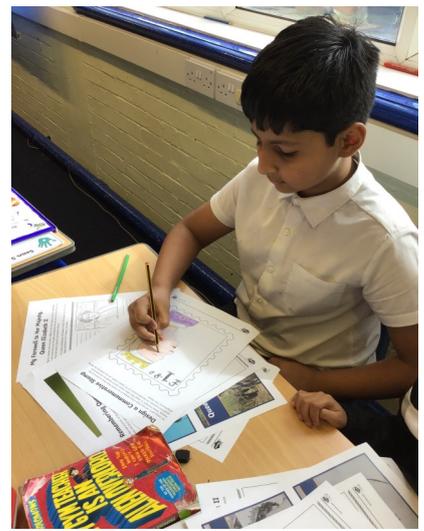
# After school clubs

A polite reminder to you all that we no longer run before and after school wrap around care. Please ensure that you have made the necessary care arrangements for your children for before and after school. We have had a number of requests for supervision of children before the start of the school day. We are unable to accommodate these requests as we do not have the staff to support this.

Information regarding our afterschool enrichment clubs will be sent next week with a view to starting the week beginning 19th September.

# Year 5

After the devastating news of The Queen's passing, Rose class has done much work commemorating her.



Also, we have worked hard at introducing ourselves in a letter, making a hoodie and introducing our theme of Space and Our Planet.



# EYFS

Nursery have been using natural objects to make an image of their faces. We sang the song head, shoulders, knees and toes.

