



PRIORSLEE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year, and to some of our families, welcome to Priorslee!

As you already know, last night we received the sad news about the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We know that this news has affected families in many ways, from making people reflect about their own losses, reflecting upon the life of a world leader or thinking about this monumental moment in history. Our Key Stage Two children have watched some video coverage, summarising the life of our longest-reigning monarch and then held small discussions about the past and the future. We will be making further plans to commemorate the Queen and her life once final details have been shared about her funeral.

Holy Trinity Church have reached out to us as a school, and have made the following suggestion to our families:

"We have prepared a Book of Condolence, and Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood Church will be open on Saturday and then Monday - Friday 9.30-11.30am if children and parents would like to write in it or add their name. In addition, we will have candles available to light.'

Holy Trinity Church also suggest that some children may wish to 'write their own prayers, or memories, or attach their name to show they are thinking of the Queen and their family.'

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer, which to be honest, feels like a lifetime ago already, even though it has only been a week! It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school and to see our families come back onto our school grounds at the end of the school day. The children have all settled into their new classrooms and new routines very quickly. It has been fabulous to talk to so many of the children about their summer.

Now that the first week of settling in has come to an end, can I ask that parents DO NOT come through ANY GATES to access the school site in the MORNINGS. On Monday, we will *not* be allowing adults to go into the **Oak Tree Gate** area, or anywhere else on the school grounds. The children have quickly learnt where the classroom entrances are, and staff are manning the gate.



Messages can be taken to the office, and lost property enquiries can be checked with classroom staff at the end of the day. If your child is in Key Stage One and you have a Year Three or Four child, the best place for drop off would be at the Underpass Gate, where the older child can walk through the central gate and into their classroom.

Along with this letter, you will find attached the termly diary sheet, which we hope helps to give you lots of information about the term ahead, and highlight any important dates.

Our two current Parent Governors' Term of Office has come to an end and therefore we have to hold a parent election to enable those two parents to re-nominate themselves should they wish, but also allow any additional parents the opportunity to be considered. You will also find, attached, a Parent Governor election pack; this is an opportunity for parents and carers to nominate themselves to become Parent Governors and help us to make our school the best possible version of itself.

From next week, you may notice a small house shaped bookcase in the entrance hall - this will be a lending library. We hope that this will help more children to access more books. The idea is that children can bring in books they no longer wish to keep, and others can take them home and read them, or take them home and keep them.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and it gives your children the opportunity to re-charge, as I am sure they are very tired from a very busy week!

Many thanks,

Mrs Cooper.
Head of School

