

Newsletter 3: Friday 23rd September 2022

#### Dear Families

What a moment in history it was to be able to watch the funeral of our monarch. Many of the pupils have shared their experiences of the occasion. Some have started to ask lots of questions about what it is like to have a king. We have already had some fabulous PAWS work about King Alfred the Great by a pupil inspired to learn about other Kings in the past. It has certainly been a great opportunity for finding out more about the second Elizabethan era and how things will be similar or different under the rule of King Charles 111.

We look forward to sharing more PAWS linked work that your children chose to do purposefully at home without school.

### <u>Big Write</u>

On Monday 26th September the children will be writing about 'A Royal Tale'. This will be an opportunity to recount the funeral, to write about the royal residences we learnt about as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebration or to write a magical fairytale. This will give them a chance for historical writing so please use the Bank Holiday to talk about their ideas.

# Years 1 Reading Event Wednesday 28th September 9am

Please come to your child's classroom with them on Wednesday morning to find out more about how you can support them with their next steps in reading.

#### Football News

The football season is already underway. A big thank you to Mr Enon and Mrs Gibbs for managing these teams. The support of Mr O'Connor and Mr Van Zyl has been invaluable too. We are all very grateful.

This week, the girls played Dinglewell. The result was 3-1 to Dinglewell. Flo scored the goal for Castle Hill from a great free kick. Next week, they will be home to Elmbridge. Our boys team played in a 7 a side tournament with Churchdown School, Upton St Leonards and Beech Green with a place in the Gloucester final at stake.

The tournament had some tough opponents but the boys did a fantastic job. They drew 0-0 to both Beechgreen and Churchdown and lost 1-0 to Upton St Leonards. The boys enjoyed their time and we look forward to more in the future!

#### **Harvest Festival**

#### Wednesday October 19th 9.15am

It has been a long time since we were able to invite you all to our Harvest Festival because of the restrictions put on us by Covid. Fortunately, we are able to share our school with you again this year. Those of you that used to attend whole school events will know how crowded the hall can be. If you are planning to attend we would like to welcome you to share the service with us. In order to ensure it is as comfortable as possible and we comply with safety regulations, it is important that everyone ensures the following plan is followed:

- Buggies must be parked outside and not brought into the school building.
  - There should be no more than two adults for each family.
  - All adults must be a close relation of a child- parents, carers, grandparents

## Forest School Ambassodors

Jess and Maci have been selected to be Forest School leads. We are looking forward to sharing their knowledge and wisdom with our outside learners.



## Key Dates - Autumn Term-2022

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September -9.15am- Year 1 parents invited to join the class to find out more about reading. Please come!

Wednesday 12th October-9.15am-10.15am-Reception Parents Coffee Morning (Change of date)

Tuesday 11th October- Bedtime Story Event for Years 2 and 3 -5pm-6pm

Wednesday 12th October- Flu immunisation in school

Tuesday 18th October 4-7pm Face to face Parent' Evening

Wednesday 19th October 3.20-6pm-Online Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th October- Harvest Festival- 9.15am

Friday 21st October- Staff INSET day

Monday 25th October-Friday 29th October-Half Term

Monday 31st October - Staff INSET day

Tuesday 1st November- School starts

Thursday 10th November- Year 6 Trip to Houses of Parliament and Lion King

Wednesday 16th November- Individual photos

Wednesday 23rd November- 1.30pm-2.30pm Open afternoon for New Reception 2022

Wednesday 23th November- 2.30pm-3.30pm- Work Celebration Event for all existing parents to

come and see their child's work.

Friday 9th December - PAWS in

Friday 9th December-Reception Nativity and FRIENDS Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 13th December-Christmas Dinner and party

Friday 16th December-Sing a long 1pm-2pm

Friday 16th December- Term finishes at 2pm

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