

## Headlines

It is a sad day for all our nation as we mourn the loss of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. It is a shock for all of us and our thoughts are with her family during this time. After celebrating the 70-year jubilee at school so recently, we will now be commemorating the life of our great monarch and also thinking about how we talk with respect and sympathy as we enter a period of national mourning.

This week, it is so special to have the children back in school and so lovely to welcome our new starters too – they have all settled so well. It has been a real delight to see the smiling faces as they all burst in through the gate each morning and the children loved getting back with their friends – there are just a few photos below.

Year 6, as our pupil leaders, have enjoyed starting their new roles and they introduced themselves to the rest of the school in assembly today and told them about their jobs for the year. They also met their buddies in Reception class and they can't wait for their first chance to sit and read with the younger children next week too. We know they will do a fine job as they take on these important responsibilities. We also look forward to a new School Council and a newly formed Eco Committee over the coming weeks too.

On Monday, swimming lessons will begin for Years 1 to 6, so please do remember the kit for that day.

In addition, if you check the pages further below, you will see there will be a large number of dates appearing in our calendar so please do make a note of them. There is a busy term ahead. You should have also received today an information leaflet for each class giving a summary of the learning for this term; do make sure that you have that. For now, I would like to wish all our families, the very best for the weekend ahead...

Mr Leigh Hardie, Head

## Stars of the Week



**Squirrels – Zakai**

**Woodpeckers – Oscar**

**Owls – Mitchell**

**Ash – Jessica**

**Maple – Maxi**

**Birch – Elsa**

**Oak – Amelia**

**Drama – Isla**

**Music – Minh**

**Sport – Kayla & Logan**



**House winners**

**Drake**





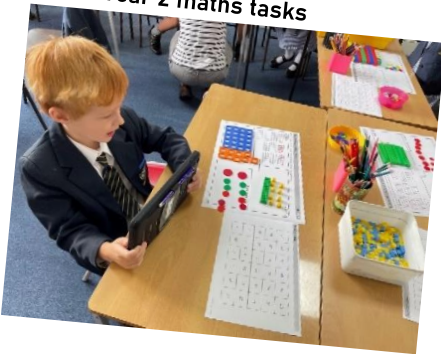




Year 1 try out their new iPads



Year 2 maths tasks



Spanish lessons with Miss Del Busto



Mixing potions in Squirrels class



Lunch with our friends



Playing with our friends again



Year 6 leaders introduced





## Dates for diaries

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming starts for Years 1 to 6

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September – PSA 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale (2.45pm)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September Reception Parents Welcome (6pm)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – U9 football and netball matches against Oakwood away KO 2

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan Coffee afternoon (3.15pm)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 trip to Battle Abbey

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Ecology Visit

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 Viking day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Year5/6 Science Museum

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival Holy Trinity Church (1pm)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Break up – Half term returning Monday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - U11 football vs Danesfield Manor away (ko 2.30pm)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Individual School Photos

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 trip to Natural History Museum

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – ILG U11 Netball Tournament

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – U11 football and netball vs Oakwood away (ko 2pm)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evening

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evening

Flu inoculations – 9am - 12pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Music Soloists Concert

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – KS1 Christmas production (2.30pm)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carol Service





# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that – whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun – you can do it safely.

### Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private – so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

### Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you – but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

### Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

### Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online – by anyone, not just someone from school – talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

### Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met – and who might not be who they say – is definitely best avoided.

### React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

### Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

### Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too – if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

### Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).

