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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our school community after what I hope was a great summer for you all. We have had a wonderful first week back and all the children have settled really well demonstrating their confidence and positivity. Some have changed classroom or had a new teacher and others are now in classes with different pupils but they have all adjusted seamlessly and we are very proud of each and every one of them. I would like to give a special mention to our new Reception children who have been truly amazing – PE, lunches, learning, playground, visitors to school and a whole school worship all in one week!

We were very lucky to welcome Paul Delaney back into school this week with his SHINE workshops and assembly. The children loved his activities that were all aimed at each child celebrating their individuality and recognising how special they are.

The children may have talked to you about some changes that we have made in school. We have changed the names of our school houses to better reflect our Christian ethos. All pupils are now in St Mathew, St Mark, St Luke or St John. We have also decided to change our class names to avoid confusion between Class name and Year group. We have chosen trees as a symbol of growth from the delicate Cherry tree to the mature, strong Oak.

Thank you all for your support for our Attendance focus. I can tell how important your child's education is to you and I am delighted to say that our attendance this week is 94.1 % which although not yet at 96% is significantly better than previously.

Oak class have won the award for tidiest classroom this week and have shown us how much they respect the equipment and resources available to them and are willing to tidy up after themselves and work as a team.

## **REMINDERS**

Water bottles are for plain water ONLY. Please do not send juice or flavoured water in water bottles.

Please stay behind the barrier on the playground at home time. This measure is so that we can continue to safeguard your children at this busy time and it also makes it easier for us to spot you and send the right child to the right parent.

All pupils are to come into school dressed for PE on a FRIDAY. As the winter months draw in the children can wear navy blue or black joggers and sweatshirts over their kit as required. Please contact Boydells uniform supplier for up to date prices of PE kit.

Reception pupils should also come into school on a Wednesday dressed in their PE kits. Please remember to put your child's name in all their uniform but especially in coats, cardigans and jumpers. As uniform all looks the same it is very challenging for staff to have to try and reunite children with their uniform if it is not named. This should also prevent losses.

Our breakfast club starts again on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. We are trialling extending the provision so it will open at 7.40 and run until the gates open at 8.40. To cover staff costs the price is now £1.50 a session. The cost will include breakfast, drinks, activities, opportunities for homework to be completed and quality care before school. All pupils except those in Reception can attend breakfast club but bookings must be made prior to attendance. It is fine to book a place up until 3pm the day before. NO child will be allowed into

breakfast club unless pre-arranged. Please speak to myself or Mrs Fenlon if you have any questions about this provision. Breakfast club will open up to Reception pupils later in the year.



### STARS OF THE WEEK



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
Naya	Warren	Marley H-B	Robin	Lacey	Louie	Phoebe



- 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September – Chester Zoo workshops (Oak, Beech and Willow)
- 16<sup>th</sup> September – Chester Zoo trip (Oak, Beech and Willow)
- 5<sup>th</sup> October – Geography Coffee Morning for parents
- 10<sup>th</sup> October – Hello Yellow Day (non-uniform to raise money for Young Minds)



### READING CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Darcie	Rosa-Mai	Annabelle	Kodie-Leigh

### HANDWRITING CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Tim	Melissa	Gracie	Anthony

### MATHEMATICS CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Frankie	Clara	Kaiden R	Max

It is with great sadness that we enter a National period of mourning for Queen Elizabeth. We will be taking advice from both the Church of England and the Government with regard to what we do in school over the next few weeks. We will be celebrating the life of our longest serving monarch and talking to the children about the monarchy and its historical significance.

### Our Prayer of the Week:

**Gracious God we give you thanks  
for the life of your servant, Queen Elizabeth,  
for her faith and her dedication to duty.  
Bless our nation as we mourn her death  
And may her example continue to inspire us;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

Have a lovely weekend.

My very best wishes.

Mrs C Warner  
Headteacher