

# Pilgrim Primary Academy

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**Friday 9th September, 2022**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**



I hope that you have had a great summer. We have had a very positive start to the year with so many smiles in school on Wednesday as the children settled into their new classrooms and met their classmates again. So many staff remarked that they had a wonderful first day with their new classes and that they were blown away by the children's caring and respectful attitudes towards one another.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to any families who are new to school this September as we have had new pupils in almost every year group. Welcome also to our families with children in our Bear Cubs and Fox Cubs Reception classes - I look forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming term.

## Queen Elizabeth II

We were all saddened to hear about the death of Queen Elizabeth yesterday and we are aware that this news is particularly unsettling for our children. Today, years 1-6 joined together for a special assembly to recognise and celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth and to begin to understand the changes that will take place. The children showed exceptional thoughtfulness during a few moments of reflective stillness and silence whilst we had our own thoughts in memory of The Queen. I introduced the children to our new monarch, King Charles III, and we discussed endings and new beginnings for ourselves and our country.

The children have been encouraged to express their feelings surrounding the death of Queen Elizabeth by talking to a grown up in school but, no doubt, you will be having your own conversations with your children at home more privately. I will, of course, keep you informed about any future plans we might have to recognise this historic moment, including information about any National Day of Mourning.

## Our new Site Assistant - Mr Kevin Westgate



I am pleased to let you know that we have a new Site Assistant (caretaker) at school, Mr Kevin Westgate. Some of you may have seen Mr Westgate over the last couple of days in the playground and we welcome him to the Pilgrim team!

## Meet the Teacher and the Team Meetings

As your children settle into the routines of their new classes, we will soon be offering a chance for parents/carers to come into school to meet the teacher and other adults that will be working closely with your child. This will be an opportunity to find out about the routines and expectations, ask and questions that you may have and then join your child in a short session in the classroom before leaving at the end of the day. More information will be coming to you directly from your child's teacher but the session times are planned as follows for you to pop into your diary:

Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 16th September
Year 3 and Year 4	Tuesday 20th September
Year 1 and Year 2	Thursday 22nd September

**(All sessions will be 2.30 - 3.15 PM)**

## Messages from our Parent Support Advisor - Mrs Donna Harris



### New PSA office

I am now based in the new building called The Port which is on the KS2 playground. I have my own room (and kettle) so pop in and say hello! I can usually be found on the playground first thing in the morning but if you can't find me please feel free to make an appointment via the office. I am always here to help you with any situation big or small!

## School Uniform Bank

I am pleased to announce that Pilgrim now has a supply of pre-owned uniform. We cannot guarantee every size but if there is something that you need, please come and see me and I will do my very best to help you out. We also want to continue to keep new stock coming in so any pre-loved uniform (in good condition) would be gratefully accepted.

## Let's get baking! Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 30th September

WORLD'S BIGGEST  
**COFFEE  
MORNING**  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT



Please join us for a 'Cake Away' on 30th September to help us raise funds for this fantastic charity. We will be giving cakes away for a donation - buy some cake and 'cake it away'! There will be cake stalls before school on both playgrounds. We need lots of cakes to make this a success so if you would like to donate one that would be fantastic. More details nearer the time but please add this date to your diary.

## Term Dates for your Diary

**These are some of the remaining dates for this term:**

23/09/2022	Healthy Smiles Fluoride treatment Foundation and Year 1
24/10/2022	October Half Term
31/10/2022	Non Pupil Day
07/11/2022	Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations Foundation to Year 6
17/11/2022	Individual Children photos

You will find a copy of the term dates for this year and the current school lunch Menu accompanying this letter which I hope you find useful. Also, as a reminder, the website is also a place where you can find useful information and contact details, etc.

Finally, as we start this new year together, I just want to say that we are here to support your child, working in partnership with you. Please don't sit on any worries or questions - we are a very friendly bunch who want to help! If you are not sure who to talk to then just ask any member of staff who will signpost you in the right direction so that you can get your query solved as quickly as possible.

Have a good weekend everyone and we will see you on Monday.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L Meek', enclosed within a faint, light-colored rectangular border.

**Mrs L Meek**  
**Headteacher**