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Monday 12th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst our return to school at the beginning of last week was a positive one, we are all deeply saddened by the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last Thursday. We join the nation in sharing our condolences with the Royal Family and are thankful for the constant dedication, wisdom, selfless service and care The Queen gave throughout her life, which will remain an inspiration to us all. We spent time in our assemblies with the children on Friday morning to reflect on the incredible life of The Queen and explain that we are now entering a period of national mourning.



**Her Majesty
The Queen**

1926-2022

As you may have heard over the weekend in the news, Monday 19th September has been announced as the day of the State Funeral. This day will be a bank holiday and therefore school will be closed on this day as a mark of respect. We will reopen as usual on Tuesday 20th September. During this period of national mourning before the state funeral, we will continue to operate as normal. However, please note that our social media and school communications will be limited to essential information only.

Manchester City Council and the City of Manchester will be observing this period of mourning. Please see below information about local Manchester mourning details. These include, but are not limited to:

- Union Jack flags flying at half-mast.
- Floral tributes in St Ann's Square, city centre. Please note, these will be removed the day after the State Funeral.
- Books of Condolences in the Reading Room in Central Library 9am – 6pm every day until the day after the State Funeral.
- Some City events are being cancelled or postponed. You are advised to check before attending.
- A special service to commemorate the life of Her Majesty at [Manchester Cathedral](#) on Sunday 18th September.
- Council Services will continue to operate as normal as stated in the [National Mourning guidance](#)
- Council social media channels and internal communications will be limited to essential service information only.



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- The National Book of Condolence, which will be kept by the Royal Household will be hosted at www.royal.uk/condolence
- Sombre dress code is advised for the period of national mourning in public facing services

More details can be found on manchester.gov.uk

The Queen was our longest-serving monarch and has provided continuity and consistency during times of change. This has been particularly important over the last few years when we have seen such turbulence and uncertainty across the World and nationally. You, your children and members of your family and community may be experiencing great sadness or feeling anxious about a period of such change. If you need more support with this, below is a list of resources or contacts you may wish to use over the next few days for support:

- **Greater Manchester Bereavement Service** for anyone who has been affected by loss or bereavement, including suicide bereavement - <https://greater-manchester-bereavement-service.org.uk/>
- **Children's Bereavement Support:** 0161 711 0339 - www.onceuponasmile.co.uk
- **The Good Grief Trust:** thegoodgrieftrust.org
- **Winston's Wish:** Free national helpline on 08088 020 021 - winstonswish.org
- **Grief Encounter:** Free helpline: 0808 802 0111 - griefencounter.org.uk
- **Bereavement Trust:** Free helpline: 0800 435 455 - bereavement-trust.org.uk



Essential Diary dates and events

All class year group information and details of events will be sent to you through your child's year group staff team. These are also made available on our website and school app <https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/events>

Please see below a few whole school dates and events this half term. The dates for the school year are also available on our school website and app. These are updated regularly each half term, so please do continue to check the website and app for updates.

Whole school event dates this half term include....

- Monday 19th September – School Closed. Bank Holiday for The Queen's Funeral
- W/B Monday 19th September – Global Goals Week
- W/B 26th September – Harvest. We will be collecting food for our school food bank (more information to follow)
- Wednesday 28th September – Curriculum Induction Meeting for Parents and Carers via Zoom (3.45pm and 4.30pm)
- Friday 30th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning for parents and carers at First School
- Thursday 6th October – National Poetry Day
- Monday 10th October – World Mental Health Day (wear additional yellow accessories with your uniform)
- Wednesday 12th October – First School Individual Photos
- Thursday 13th October – Junior School Individual Photos
- Friday 21st October – School Closes at the end of the day for Half Term
- Monday 31st October – School Closed for Staff Training Day
- **Tuesday 1st November – Children return to School**
- Monday 7th November – Parents Evening (Booked through the School Spider App)
- Wednesday 9th November – Parents Evening (Booked through the School Spider App)

Zoom Curriculum Induction Meetings for Year 1 – Year 6



On Wednesday 28th September at 3.45pm and again at 4.30pm we will be holding two Zoom year group inductions, which will last approximately 20 to 30 minutes. These are an opportunity for you to receive information about your child's year group curriculum and the ways you can support their learning at home.

We will be holding two Zoom year group inductions, which will be delivered by the teachers in each year group. We will also share the PowerPoints after the events on our website year group class pages. However, if you can attend in person, please do, as we will have the chat option open for you to ask any questions of the year group team about the Curriculum. Your child's year group zoom log in details will be emailed to you the week before the event.

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Friday 30th September 9am – 10am at First School

You are invited to attend our MacMillan coffee morning to help raise money for people living with cancer. Please bake or bring cakes to help us raise as much funds as possible. In order to manage catering and numbers of people attending, you will need to inform us that you are coming via the survey and forms section of the School Spider App by Wednesday 28th September. We look forward to enjoying some cake together and raising money for this worthy cause!



If you have any questions or queries about events this half term, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Best wishes,

Mrs Liz Hardy

Executive Headteacher



Article 39 (recovery from trauma and reintegration)

Children who have experienced neglect, abuse, exploitation, torture or who are victims of war must receive special support to help them recover their health, dignity, self-respect and social life.