



Edenfield C E Primary School



9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome back all of the children and you, their families, this week. The children have been fantastic in school, they are all busy working hard and impressing their new teachers. Behaviour across school, and during playtimes, has been exemplary – well done everyone! We extend a special welcome to our new children in Class Reception, and those who have joined us higher up the school, who all arrived with big smiles and have enjoyed meeting new friends, and exploring their classroom and the wider school environment. They have already learnt so many new routines and are carrying these out brilliantly.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

Our week has ended with the sad and shocking news that on 8th September Her Majesty the Queen passed away. We gathered together for a special whole school worship to remember an extraordinary person, our Queen, our sovereign who believed that leadership meant dedicating her life to the service of others. We reflected on the extraordinary legacy that permeates every corner of our national life, the Commonwealth and beyond. All the children agreed her humble, selfless service was an inspiration to us all and that so much can be learned from her life in service and her special qualities. Over the coming days, the children will participate in special activities, and lessons, to reflect the period of national mourning and commemorate the life of Her Majesty. We will continue to remember her and pray for her family during Worship. Today we prayed:

Dear God

We gather here today to remember Her Majesty the Queen.

We give thanks for her long life, and for all the ways she loved and served those in her care.

We bring you our sadness for what we have lost;

Our gratitude for what we remember and cherish;

And our wondering about what is to yet to come.

Thank you for the comfort, peace and hope you bring us.

Amen

Staff News

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Amy Martin as a TA to Edenfield. Mrs Martin will be working in Class 2 alongside Miss Greenhalgh and Mrs Davis. I know you will join me in giving her warm welcome and wishing her well in her new post.

In other special news, we are thrilled to announce that Miss Harris is expecting a baby. The baby is due in January 2023 and we anticipate that Miss Harris will remain teaching Class 1 until the end of this term. We will of course

inform parents in Class 1 of the arrangements for January in due course but are hopeful that this will be covered by existing staff as we are fortunate to have additional teachers in our school.

SEN Support

Mrs Parkinson, an experienced SENCo, will stay with for another year to deliver 1-1 SEN support across school. This means alongside Mrs Ashworth we will provide the equivalent of six mornings of additional SEN teaching. If your child is identified for this support you will be notified next week. Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Ashworth will also provide class cover in the afternoons.

Please see below for some important notices and reminders

Toast

If you require toast for your child, please pay via ParentPay. Toast for Class Reception will begin on Monday 19th September when the children start school full time.

Worship

A letter with the dates for class worship will be issued early next week. We would be keen to seek your feedback on whether family worship should remain online or revert to the school hall so parents can attend in person. We are aware of the benefits of both systems and know that many parents who may not be able to visit during the school day have appreciated being able to access worship online more regularly. It also allows for better sound. We would be grateful if you could indicate on the slip below if you would prefer family Worship to remain online or whether you would prefer to attend in person on the day. Slips should be returned to school no later than Tuesday 13th September when a decision will be made based on the responses received.

Pantomime

We have booked seats for the pantomime *Peter Pan* at the Manchester Opera House. A letter will be sent home next week with the full details. Please check school bags for all school correspondence.

PE footwear

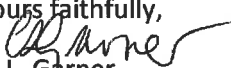
Please be reminded that the children will need indoor and outdoor footwear for PE. Trainers are required for outside activities and PE pumps are required for use in the school hall. This is particularly important as we have had the hall floor stripped and restored at vast expense and certain trainers leave unsightly marks which cannot be removed. Children will not be allowed to wear trainers in the school hall. It has also been noted that some children have worn trainers for school. Trainers or trainer style shoes are **not** allowed – please ensure your child is wearing sensible black shoes in line with the uniform guidance. Thank you for your cooperation.

After school enrichment activities

Please remember to return your slip if you wish to take part in extra-curricular activities. Please be aware certain clubs have limited numbers and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We will then have a waiting list for the next half term.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I wish us all a very happy and successful new school year.

Yours faithfully,


C. L. Garner

Headteacher

Family Worship

I would prefer family worship to take place in the school hall

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I would prefer family worship to remain online

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