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Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year! Term has started well with the children returning ready to learn and quickly settling into their new classes. We have seen lots of examples of children being **ready, respectful, safe and kind** and have enjoyed the reintroduction of Hot Choc Friday and House points as rewards for this!

Welcome

A big welcome to the children and staff who have joined us this year. The new starters in Swinney and Laver Class have settled well (and all listened beautifully in Collective Worship this morning) and we are pleased to welcome Miss Kimberley Watson to the staff team. Miss Watson will be teaching in Burn Class on Fridays and Cover Class on Mondays - we hope she enjoys her time with us.



Uniform

We have lots of spare uniform in school - some which is named, some which is not! We will be putting it out in the playground after school this week so please do have a look and claim any lost items.

Clubs and information

A letter is attached to this newsletter detailing extra-curricular clubs this year. Overleaf you will also find some key upcoming dates for this term. We will repeat and update these weekly so please do look out for any changes. Our new website is well on the way to being complete and you will be able to reference these on there too. You will also see some information from Burn and Cover Class including ideas to help your children at home - Swinney and Laver families should have received this by email. As always, staff are always around before and after school so if there is anything you are unsure of please ask.

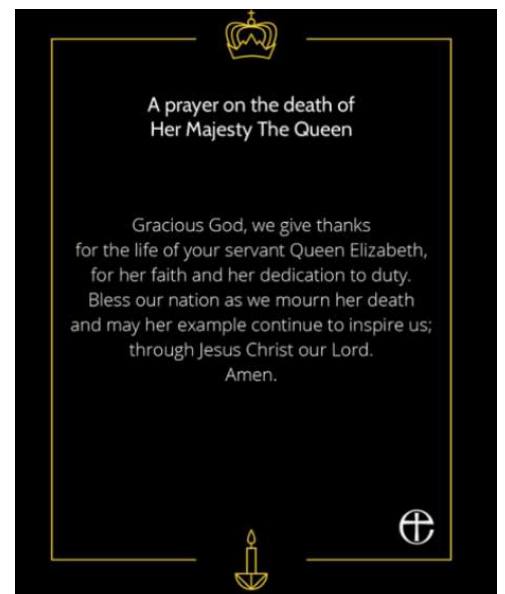
Her Majesty The Queen

As you will be aware, Monday 19th September has been named as the date for the state funeral of Her Majesty The Queen. This date has been declared a bank Holiday meaning schools close for that day as a mark of respect. Due to this Masham School will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 for all staff and pupils. Our thoughts are with the Royal Family at this time.

With best wishes for the week ahead,

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Dates for your diary

Blue text indicates occasions where parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend.

Monday	19.09.22	All	School closed
Saturday	24.09.22	All	Bishop Blaize Parade. Meet 13:30 at Maple Creek
Sunday	25.09.22	All	Bishop Blaize Parade. Meet 13:30 at Maple Creek
Tuesday	04.10.22	All	Skip 2B Fit day
Friday	14.10.22	All	Cover Class Celebration Assembly @ St Mary's Church 14:45
Tuesday	18.10.22	All	Disco (after school)
Friday	21.10.22	All	School closes for half term - 15:30
Monday	31.10.22	All	Children return to school.

A message from Mrs Clark

Burn Class have made a great start to the new school year and have already looked at two poems by Lewis Carroll. This week we will be continuing our work on poetry writing our own stanzas for the poem A Strange Song and another Lewis Carroll poem, The Jaberwocky, which we will learn to perform. You may wish to help your child in learning this poem at home, thinking about performance. We will be using these poems in our artwork this term. In maths we have already looked at the Roman numeral system and are now moving onto representing number up to 10,000 (Year 4) and up to 1,000,000 (Year 5), reading and writing numbers and understanding the place value of each digit, including partitioning. There are some videos on place value on BBC Bitesize which may help in understanding this area of maths. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsjqtfr>. As we launch our geography topic we are starting to look at finding the continents of the world in an atlas and exploring their geographical features along with locating countries where rainforests are located on world maps. All children will have their book bands reviewed this week and should have a new book and reading record. Please remember to sign and record any reading your child has done at home, which should be at least three times per week.

A message from Mr Scott

This week in Cover Class we will be continuing to read our exciting class novel, Room 13. As well as developing key reading skills we will be looking at sentence structure leading towards narrative writing in the form of a character description. In maths we will continue learning about increasingly large numbers, up to and across 1 million. This Bitesize link is good for anyone wanting any extra practise! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdwxnb/articles/zfjgf82>
We'll also continue our Geography learning by investigating the features of different continents and oceans before looking more specifically at South America and the rainforest. Please encourage your child to complete one of their homework tasks linked to this, which should be handed in by this Friday.