



12th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022

What a fantastic first week back at school we've had at Richmond Hill. The children all look so smart in their uniforms and their attitude to learning has been excellent! They have settled back wonderfully. Although it was only a short week, lots of exciting learning has already started and we all look forward to sharing this soon via our Twitter and Facebook feeds.

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September. Clearly, she has been the monarch for all of most of people's lifetimes and therefore a constant in our lives. During our assemblies and learning, we have spoken a little about her life and took some time to reflect. For many of our children, the Queen's death will have little impact, but as we had celebrated her 70 years on the throne only a few months ago, we have given the children chance to talk to adults in school about how they feel if they would like to.

We have received further information over the weekend on details of the Queen's funeral. It is to be held on **Monday 19th September** which has been declared a Bank Holiday. Therefore school will be **closed to all pupils.**

As a public service, school has to also observe certain protocols during the period of National Mourning. Below I have highlighted ones that affect the school:-

- Pause social media content from the school and the Rose Learning Trust until the day after the Queen's funeral.
- School open as normal during the mourning period.
- A Statement of Condolence to be added to our website.
- Communicate to parents/carers the funeral date has been declared a bank holiday therefore school is closed to all pupils on this date.
- Normal communication of the school will resume on Tuesday 20th September.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 30th September marks the Macmillan Coffee morning to raise funds for cancer charities. This year this is our choice of Charity to support in the Autumn term, chosen by our pupils. We have previously supported this event with great success and we are hoping this year is no different. Arrangements will be that on Thursday 29th September each year group will welcome cake donations into school. These can be home made, plain bought cakes which the children can decorate at home, or simply any shop bought cakes, buns, biscuits. Then on **Friday 30th September** we will hold two coffee mornings in the main school hall welcoming at 9.00am Reception and KS1 Parents/Carers for coffee and cake for a £1 donation to Macmillan. Then the same at 2.00pm for KS2 Parents/Carers. Our Y6 children will have the opportunity to host the event along with staff.

If you wish to attend our fundraiser we will be sending you an invitation shortly via a Microsoft form to book a place so we know how many to expect and also to ensure your child/children can be released to be with you during your time in school. We hope that it will be a fantastic event raising much needed funds for the charity.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Secker
Principal

Cake Donations brought to school on Thursday 29th September
KS2 – on arrival at school pupils should bring their cakes to the hall via the main school entrance.
Reception/KS1 – please give any cake donations to the staff at the door to your child's class on arrival.

