



## Newsletter Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

This morning we held a special assembly for all children and observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Queen Elizabeth II who passed away peacefully at Balmoral yesterday afternoon. In doing so, we joined with the millions of people around the world who are in mourning, whilst giving thanks for her extraordinary life of service and dedication to public life.

The children were all deeply respectful and aware that this event marks the end of the longest reign in British history. Each class will now be considering the impact of her life and how this also heralds the start of a new era. Although we all knew that this time would come, it really marks an extraordinary moment in the history of our country.



There will be more announcements in the coming days and we will keep you informed of any changes which apply to schools.

### Uniform



The children look very smart in their new school clothes. Please make sure that they are named so that any stray items of clothing can be returned to their rightful owners. We know how much these items cost so will do our best to make sure that this happens.



The rising cost of living is an issue for everyone and we would like to help you all in any way we can. One way we can do this is by passing on

uniform. We have a lot of spare, high quality items of clothing in school and will have these available in the school entrance for a small donation to school funds. Please contact the office if you need any more information or have any items to donate.



On 21<sup>st</sup> August the PTFA held a fantastic family fun day. Everyone had a brilliant day in the sunshine and it was lovely to see so many people coming out to support the school. Thank you so much for everyone who helped with the event or donated raffle prizes. We are well on our way to achieving our fundraising target to improve the computers in school.

# WELCOME



A big hello and welcome to our new starters in EYFS. In reception we have Lilia, Eloise, Luca, Harrison, Jessica, Ted, Thomas, Demien and Samuel who have joined our school as well as our nursery children from last year. Our new nursery children are Maia and Erin.

We also welcome Mia Rose into year 1 and Vlada and Poppy into Key Stage 2.

We are sure that they will be very happy at Leyburn.

## Music lessons



Piano and guitar lessons are available through the school.

Please contact the office for more details.

## Attendance

### Pupil Leave of Absence from school during term time

We are already receiving requests for holidays during term-time. Leave of absence will only be authorised if the appropriate criteria has been met - please see the school's leave of absence in term time information on the school website. Following Government guidelines since September 2013, the headteacher is not authorised to grant leave of absence during term time in any other circumstances than those stated.

As detailed in last year, taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Please note that NYCC is issuing penalty notices to parents/carers for unauthorised absence.

The school will be closely monitoring all absences and patterns of absence to ensure our attendance figures return to our normal level of 97 to 98% - this may include requesting confirmation of

appointments etc. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly in line with government regulations.

## Medical Appointments

Please ensure where possible that all medical appointments are made outside school hours. We understand that this may not always be achievable but would urge you to ensure that your child has the highest attendance levels as possible.

## **Safety reminder**

We would like to remind everyone to only use the pedestrian access gates when arriving and leaving. These are very busy times and there are cars and buses coming in and out of the car park. Could we also ask that if you are parking your car you do not block any of the residents' driveways? Thank you for your continued co-operation in helping us to keep everyone safe.

## **Dates for the Diary:**

### **Please keep looking for updates**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – European Day of Languages – details to follow for each class via Class Dojo

w/b Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October- Parent Carer Consultations

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Individual photos

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 and Year 5 visit to a mosque

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – break up for half term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October– back to school

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – break up at 2.30 pm for the Christmas holidays