

NEWSLETTER

'Capturing the imagination of young minds.'

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Dear families,

Below are a few updates for the term ahead.

Department for Education confirms schools closed on bank holiday funeral for Queen Elizabeth II

The Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed that all schools and colleges should close on the bank holiday declared for Queen Elizabeth's funeral.

In an email to schools and colleges, the DfE said: "The official date of the State Funeral is 19 September 2022.

"This day will be a bank holiday and settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day as a mark of respect. This will include schools and colleges."

The DfE added that normal attendance is expected at schools and colleges throughout the national mourning period, other than the bank holiday.

The bank holiday will mark the end of the mourning period.

School start times

Having observed the new drop off arrangements, we have evaluated them and feel that for the majority of pupils, we will revert back to the previous terms arrangements. For all pupils in Years 1– 6, classroom doors will open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am. Due to the location of the Year 3 classrooms, the teachers will meet the children at the external Upper School Hall doors and then walk pupils into class together. Pupils arriving late should go to the school office.

For pupils in Nursery and Reception, doors will open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am.

For safeguarding reasons, please do not send older pupils into school independently before 8.30am.

INSET dates for the academic year 2022/23

INSET stands for "in-service training", and all schools have five INSET days each year. Schools close to pupils on INSET days, but staff attend. INSET days are designed to provide dedicated training time for teachers and teaching assistants so that we can continue to improve our practice, keep up to date with changes in education, and ensure that we have appropriate training to deal with the challenges of our roles.

Due to a Trust wide INSET day, the usual pattern of INSET days is slightly different this year. This term, we will have an INSET day on 25th November. The remaining INSET days are listed below.

Tuesday January 3rd

Friday March 31st

Sleep Charity

The Sleep Charity are currently working with **Dr. Ranj** to promote healthy sleep routines for children. On 22nd September at 2.15pm, Dr Ranj will host a 45 minute assembly at Popleton Ousebank Primary School **for parents** to discuss children's sleeping habits and how to tackle disruptions like half terms and school holidays. We will be sending a further email out this week to enable parents to sign up. We hope you can make it! 😊

