

# NEWSLETTER

'Capturing the imagination of young minds.'

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## Sports Gold

At the start of this term, we received amazing news that Poppleton Ousebank has been awarded the School Games Gold Award for the provision of P.E both in school, during the school day and after school. An enormous thank you to Mr Langhamer for taking the time to demonstrate our contribution to supporting our pupils in their interests and developing a healthy lifestyle.



## P.E Kit

Could parents please ensure that pupils have their P.E kits in school on Monday, in a small draw-string bag. Uniform expectations are outlined in the planners that pupils will have received this week, so please have a look if you are unsure.

## Dates for your diary

September 20th – Recycle week

September 27th – Bike to school week

September 30th – Macmillan Coffee afternoon



## Message from Mrs O'Hara

### **Welcome back!**

It was an absolute joy to see the children on our first day of term this year, and as expected, they were full of stories and tales from their holidays. Pupils have settled into their routines well, and there is already a great rapport between teachers and their new classes. Staff have spoken positively about the pupils' attitudes to learning, which is always great to hear. We are looking forward to a successful year with the children, and we know that with parents as our partners, we can ensure that all our pupils have a super first term.

### **Sad news about our Queen**

I'm sure that like myself, many of you were saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty the Queen yesterday. There have been many tributes made, each one as touching as the last. Queen Elizabeth's seven-decade reign, made her the only sovereign that most Britons had ever known. In our assembly today, I highlighted this to the children, explaining that for them, a King will be the head of the monarchy for the majority of their lives.

In school, we have always enjoyed learning about the Royal Family and in particular the Queen. Having celebrated a momentous milestone during the summer, it was particularly sad to be talking about the change in situation, so near to the celebrations. Today we talked about how the news was shared with the nation, about the posting of the announcement at Buckingham Palace and the lowering of the Union Jack. We discussed the immediate transfer of 'the crown' to King Charles III and the role of the Queen Consort, the period of mourning and a state funeral. We encouraged children to talk about what they felt and indeed what they may see or hear on the television—it all helps them to process what goes on around them.

Schools will be contacted very soon by the DFE, to inform us of the plans for the coming days. As we receive information, we will of course share it with our families.



## **Her Majesty The Queen**

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