



# JYS News

Newsletter: 01 ~ 9th September 2022 Aspire ~ Respect ~ Enjoy

## Welcome back / This weeks news

A warm welcome back to all JYS families. We hope everyone had a relaxing and productive summer break. It has been lovely to welcome children to their new classrooms and the atmosphere across the school has been a very positive one - calm and focused. We are looking forward to many new events and activities across the year, and these started this week with music being delivered to all classes by Theatre Arts UK. Next week our Japanese lessons will begin for Key Stage 2, with Ukulele beginning a few weeks later.

This week, all children have taken part in a fun-filled assembly delivered by Sama Karate; this involved the school seeing a demonstration and learning some greetings and movements used.

Across the school, classes have been focussing upon team-building activities and lessons that have been designed to settle the children back into new routines. Activities such as self-portraits, clay work and writing activities have taken place and our new Reception class have been exploring the classroom and outside area.

We are looking forward to working with our families over the year ahead. A big thank you to people who emailed the office last term to volunteer time first thing in the morning, Mrs Aylward will be in contact next week to arrange a starting date. If you feel you have time to give and have not already emailed in, please let the office know.

## Queen Elizabeth II

Don't be frightened Ma'am... the world will be holding your hand.



The death of Queen Elizabeth II will touch everyone as the country enters a period of mourning. We have addressed this event through a whole school assembly today, which focused upon the life of the Queen and her many achievements.

Over the next week, we will continue to answer questions and provide support and information to children if required.

Many young children across the county will see and hear news of the royal death but may not properly understand what it all means. They will likely be curious and will ask lots of questions about the Queen and death itself. Experts from Winston's Wish warn that other youngsters who have experienced their own bereavement may struggle with this period of mourning. If your child has been bereaved or is impacted by The Queen's death, Winston's Wish provides support for grieving children, young people (up to 25) and adults supporting them.

Call them on Freephone Helpline on 08088 020 021 (open 8am-8pm, Monday to Friday) or email [ask@winstonswish.org](mailto:ask@winstonswish.org).

As soon as we receive further information from the DfE outlining funeral arrangements we will, of course, let you know.

## Important Dates Coming Up

15th September - Coffee morning (08:45-09:15) for Year R parents

30th September - Open afternoon for parents from 14:30

6th October - KS1 phonics workshop for parents at 14:30

19th & 20th October - Parents evenings (booking forms will be released 2 weeks beforehand)

## House Points

Children earn house points for different things throughout the week, and here are the weekly results:



	This week	Total (Since Sept '22)
Ash	113	113
Beech	137	137
Maple	143	143
Oak	122	122