

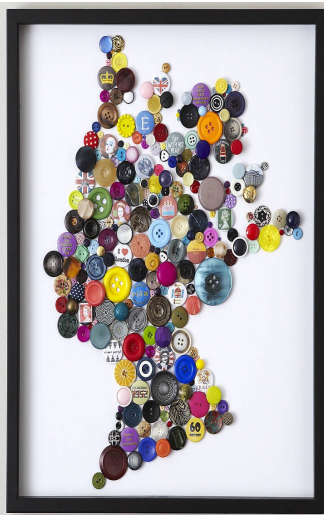
Long to reign over us

As you will all be aware, Queen Elizabeth II is now the longest reigning monarch in British history... her amazing longevity and service to her country and Commonwealth is now un-paralleled.

To help celebrate this achievement the children are going to get stuck into a House Competition to create a piece of artwork depicting the Queen... see letter you received yesterday.

To be completed at home, it could be a portrait, a collage, a picture of a corgi or a model of a crown etc — anything to symbolise the Queen. Feel free to support your child with their creation, but as much of their work as possible is the name of the game!

All entries will receive points for the competition and winning entries for boys and girls in each year group will receive a prize. So we don't 'miss the moment' we are asking that all entries are back into school as soon as possible next week, and at the latest on Monday 21st Sept—thanks. All the entries (up to 492!!!) will be displayed around school and parents will be more than welcome to come and look round "Queen Elizabeth Gallery".



House Competition ideas



Diary Dates for the first half term

21/9	7.30pm PTFA meeting
24/9	9.05am Class 5 assembly Sri Lankan teacher in school
28/9	Class 8 trip to the Deep
29/9	3.20pm Governors' AGM
30/9	Individual Photo Day Book Fair arrives for a week
1/10	9.05am Class 14 assembly
2/10	Class 7 trip to the Deep
5-8/10	Y6 to Coniston
8/10	9.05am Class 1 assembly
15/10	9.05am Class 4 assembly
20/10	3pm—8pm Parents' Consultation Meetings
21/10	1.30pm—4.30pm Parents' Consultation Meetings
22/10	9.05am Class 10 assembly (Thursday)
22/10	Last day of half term
23/10	Teacher Training Day
2/11	Return to School



Did Earth School Newsletter

CLUBS 2015-16

This year we are pleased to send home a note with over 20 clubs available for children from Year 1 to Year 6.

Not all clubs are available for all age groups, but the range of opportunities over your child's time at school is vast!

This year we are having to make a small charge for clubs each week (up to £1 a week—to be paid on week one of the club each half term, please). The club note identifies how much you will need to send into the first club your child attends.

We appreciate that families receiving the Pupil Premium (Free School Meals) might find this expensive, so some of your child's Pupil Premium Grant will be used to make the club free for these children.

The payment will allow us to resource the clubs— from footballs to Sewing equipment; and from Walking boots to Spades and seeds etc ... this will mean all clubs will be self financing and not place a drain on the school's curriculum budget, which has been hit severely by the recent and on-going austerity cuts.

Parent Info Evenings

The Parents' Information Evenings are key ones to attend for all parents... this year more than ever, as the new Assessment System for all schools nationally needs to be explained; as does the new 'Big Maths'. Also on the agenda will be Trips, Homework, Expectations etc etc... plus a good length of time for parents to ask questions and to meet and chat with their new class teacher. Please find time for at least one parent to attend.

New this year: please bring along your child— part of the session will see staff talking through agenda items with you **and** your child. Then, part way through, the children will go off to enjoy some activities with support staff whilst parents and teachers carry on with issues that are just relevant to the adults.

Dates : All meetings will last approx. 1 hour

Nursery : 6th Oct at 2.15pm or 5pm

Reception : 5th Oct at 2pm or 5pm

Year 1 : 23rd Sept at 1pm or 6pm

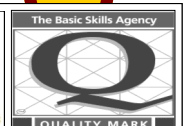
Year 2 : Tues 22nd Sept at 6pm or Wed 23rd at 2pm

Year 3 : Thur 24th Sept at 2pm or Tue 29th Sept at 6pm

Year 4 : As Year 3

Year 5 : Tues 22nd Sept at 3pm or 7pm

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Yorkshire in Bloom ~~Gold Award~~

Another stunning environmental year has been rewarded with another Gold Award at Old Earth. The Yorkshire in Bloom judges were so impressed with our efforts that they also identified the children and staff as 'Community Champions' ... real accolades and very well deserved, too!



Bad news on the Grand Ball, but moving forward with engines on full!!

Sadly, we are going to have to cancel the PTFA Grand Ball again. With just 70 tickets sold (and 48 of those to people outside our school community) it has become clear that this type of event has had its day... at least for the time being.

Our apologies to the 70.

The disappointment needs to be turned round into a positive, so we would ask parents, teachers and friends to come along to the AGM of the PTFA to add your thoughts, ideas and opinions.

The PTFA currently raise in excess of £10,000 a year for luxuries in school eg. One Minibus lease and Espresso Software on an annual basis plus paying for items such as the Bleacher Seating in the hall.

A great team of volunteers... come and join them on Mon 21 September at 7.30pm in school, and help make a difference!

Enterprise Education

Last Year's Class 4 raised £90.00 for charity!

As part of Class 4's Enterprise Education they created personalised bangles and necklaces. From the planning stages to the making stages children were hands on. Together they all decided that they would like the money to go to a charity close to Lottie M's heart—Candlelighters. Well done Class 4 we are really proud of you!



Candlelighters
Together we can fight children's cancer

Important Organisation

As the year goes by we will be running stacks of **trips** for your children. Made much more frequent and much cheaper due to the minibuses we run, these trips generally run following a note home. However, on occasions, great opportunities present themselves 'on the day' and it would be a shame to miss out on them. So, each year we ask parents to give us permission to walk / bus the children to these events / opportunities without the need for a note. We would not run a trip out of school hours without letting you know first.

Names & Pictures in the media : Over the year it's great to see our children's faces, names and pictures in newspapers, newsletters and on-line. However, if any parents DO NOT wish their child to be seen / named in the media, you must write in / email Mr Reynolds so that your wishes can be met. Please note : please could you do this even if you did so last year.

PARENT PAY

It's great to see that this system is making life easier

for admin staff at school and parents at home!

We're getting the hang of the new system and now can take payments for any day or residential trips using this system.

If you've lost your login details or need a Paypoint card, please ask in the office. We cannot use this system for paying for attendance at after school clubs.

READING MUMS / DADS / GRANNIES ETC : All help gratefully received—please contact the school office.

CLIMBING FRAME : Please keep your children off before / after school until the equipment has been signed off by the Local Authority's Health & Safety team and we have a full Risk Assessment in place—sorry to spoil your fun !!!

NOTICEBOARD

THIS WEEK

Monday : Judo demo in assembly
Thursday : Class Councillor election results announced & badges presented
Friday : First School Council meeting

NEXT WEEK

Monday : Class 12 trip to Drax; Courier photo for the new starters in Reception; House Captains announced
Tuesday : Class 11 trip to Drax
Thursday : 9am Class 13 assembly for parents
Friday : First Judo Club of the year

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