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A huge welcome back to all of our wonderful families. I do hope you had a lovely summer, spending quality time with each other. This week we have welcomed new families into our community as our new Reception children have joined us. They have settled in so incredibly well this week, even staying for lunch today. They will all be in full time by the end of next week. I know everyone will ensure our new families are welcomed and supported during this exciting, but sometimes nerve-wracking few weeks ahead.

Our staff have commented on how well all children have returned to school. Routines are being followed and rules and expectations set, ready for a new year of fun and learning. I thank you all for being so ready and prepared for this new year.

Today, children in year 1 and 2 took part in an assembly to remember the wonderful life of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The children loved looking at old photos and reflecting on the Queen's jubilee and our school picnic. They asked and answered questions very sensibly. We spoke about our new King. Next week the children will take part in a dedicated lesson to commemorate this historic time in our lives. If your child is upset by the news, I recommend the following website: [www.minded.org.uk](http://www.minded.org.uk) Of course you can always talk to us here in school too. St Paul's will be open from 8.45am-6pm today and from 9am-6pm tomorrow for all those who wish to silently pray or light a candle in memory of The Queen. Services of thanksgiving for her life will be held at 9am and 10.30am on Sunday. The latter will include separate activities for children.

#### A few reminders below:

- Children in Year 1 and 2 do NOT need to bring a snack to school. They should however always have a book bag and water bottle in school. They should NOT bring in large bags and rucksacks as we do not have the space to accommodate these in the classrooms.
- All parents should park considerably outside the school site. Never block a neighbour's driveway.
- WhatsApp groups should be used to enhance communication and aid reminders. Please be aware that staff including myself do have access to the content of these groups. Any worries and concerns should be flagged through email or by phone call to the office team.

I wish all of you a reflective weekend.

We look forward to seeing you again on Monday. Take care, Mr O'Shea

*BoShea* 😊

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# This week we have...

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The children have had a super week settling into Reception. They are beginning to learn the new rules and expectations and even experienced their first school dinner. The children have learned all about the different emotions through our story of the week *'The Colour Monster'* by Anna Llenas. We look forward to seeing the children next week, leading up to their first full day at the end of the week!



What a super first week we have had. The children have settled so well. They have enjoyed exploring their new classrooms and outside environments - a highlight is being able to use the pirate ship on a daily basis! We are so impressed at how well the children have retained their phonic knowledge over the holidays. The children have been sorting objects in maths this week and we have even had time to do some wonderful writing about our book of the week, *Back to Earth with a Bump!* The children are thoroughly enjoying learning through play in our shared covered area, including the cafe role play area. We are looking forward to another super week next week.

YEAR 1

This week Year 2 have been excited to start our Castles topic. We explored what a castle is and posed our own questions about things we would like to find out more about in this topic. This term we will be making our own castles in Design and Technology, which the children are thrilled about. We will also be holding our very own castle day, more details about this will be sent out closer to the time. In maths we have been learning about place value and we have been partitioning numbers and creating representations of numbers. We have been delighted with how well the children have settled in and we are looking forward to a very busy and exciting half term.





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