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Dear Parent/Carer

It is with great sadness that I write to you as we woke this morning with the weight of the loss of Elizabeth II, our Queen for over 70 years. Many of us have known no other monarch within our lifetimes and we understand that the news may be sad for many families and children to hear.

We have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. Guidance providing the public, businesses and institutions with advice on the period of national mourning following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be issued by the Cabinet Office and available on GOV.UK.

Today, we have spoken to all the children; commemorating the life and reign of Her Majesty and explaining that she has sadly passed. Many of you attended our Jubilee party last half term and the children have been shown photographs and reminded of the event as part of their learning today. Please be assured that this has been conducted at age-appropriate levels and that any children who may be impacted by the news will be supported in school over the next 10 days, and beyond.

Welcome

We finish our first week in school this year and it has gone in a flash! To our many new children and families; welcome, we are thrilled that so many of you have chosen to join us here at The Limes. To all of our familiar faces; welcome back, we are delighted to see you all back with such great energy for the term ahead.

Last year brought us many successes such as; establishing a PTA including events such as our Summer Fete, Sports Day was fantastic to have such great support, introduction of Stay and Read. As we reflect on last year we also acknowledge areas which can be improved; communication sitting at the forefront.

I am excited to head into a new year; continue on our journey of 'Growing Learners for Life'. We teach the children to be Responsible, Reflective and Resilient; both inside and outside the classroom – please let us know when your child has demonstrated these outside school too!

Sustainability

In recent years, we have all started becoming more aware of our impact on the planet and looking for small ways to each play our part. As a first step for The Limes, we will be significantly reducing our paper use both in school and regarding what we send home. As a result, all newsletters and office communication will be sent via the Arbor emailing service in replace of hard copies. In an age where so much of people's professional and personal lives operate online, we hope that this will be a more efficient solution also.



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Lunch

Please find our Autumn 1 lunch menus attached. Note that lunch meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are at no cost to families (universal free school meals). Lunch meals for Nursery are charged, through school money, at a cost of £2.00 per day and for Year 3 and above this is at a cost of £2.30 per day.

A reminder that we are a nut free school and may have no nut-based products on the premises due to children with nut anaphylaxis.

Medication in School

At the beginning of any new academic year it is essential that we update all records we keep for any child with any medical condition and any medication held in school.

If we hold medication in school for your child, please can you come to the office and complete the relevant paperwork, please also bring any supporting letters/care plans from your doctor/hospital as we are unable to administer any medication without this.

Please contact the office if you have any queries regarding this.

Stay and Read

Every Friday we will be inviting you to class to read a book with your child. This is a great opportunity for you to spend some time with your child in their classroom and advocate a love of books. This runs from 8:35am until 8:55am – you may stay for the entire 20-minute session or pop in for just a few minutes.

Website

The school website is undergoing construction with the support of the REAch2 IT team. Please bear with us at this time, while we are updating. I will be in contact again when the new website goes live; this is expected to be in the next couple of weeks.

PTA

We have lots of exciting events planned this term. Please see attached schedule.

Clubs

We are excited to be able to offer a paid breakfast club this year which will open at 8:00am daily, we are also pleased to continue with a wide range of after-school activity clubs for children to choose from. The clubs are available to book online on the school money app from 6pm on Friday 9th September. Please see the attached timetable. Thank you to all of you who offered feedback regarding clubs last academic year, this information helps us to tailor our offer to our children.

Governors

A governing body supports and challenges the school to continue to improve in all areas; our governing body will be writing to you shortly about vacancies. Please don't hesitate to contact Laura Bailes (Chair of Governors) laura.bailes@thelimesacademy.org and she will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours faithfully



Miss C Thompson
Head Teacher

