

# Newsletter 9th September 2022

Before we begin with our usual newsletter items we would like to say that Wynstream Primary School, and Education South West, join with everyone in the United Kingdom, and around the world, who are mourning the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Earlier this year, we observed her Platinum Jubilee which marked her 70th year as Queen, the longest reign of any British monarch. Her commitment and dedication to her country and people

was acknowledged worldwide.

We end with two quotes, first from a 14-year-old Princess Elizabeth, from her broadcast to the children of the Commonwealth in October 1940:

"And when peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place". And "The upward course of a nation's history is due in the long run to the soundness of heart of its average men and women."

We believe that continuity and stability is important for our children at this particular age and stage of school, so all of our usual timetable will continue throughout today to provide that support to our children, albeit with appropriate references to this historical event. Thank you.

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you to all the children, staff and parents for a really positive first week back in school, despite the torrential rain at some points during the week. One of the visitors to the school, Mrs Hannon, commented, "the classrooms looked really inviting, organised and purposeful. Staff and pupils were 'in the (learning) zone."

I thought I'd share a quote from Ethan in

Year 6 about the new year, when asked about how he was finding Year 6, he replied simply, "it is brilliant!"

This week we welcomed 29 children to Reception and we had 4 children join in other classes. To all our new children and families we hope that you come to love Wynstream as much as we all do. We do have some spaces in some year groups including reception. Please spread the word to families moving to the area!



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As mentioned in the letter sent to all on Wednesday (click <u>here</u> to see it on our website) we would like all our children to wear the school uniform.

https://www.wynstreamprimary.org.uk/school-uniform

We are aware that many of our families may be being hit by the cost of living crisis. If this is the case and you need help in getting any school uniform, please speak to any staff member in confidence and we will help.



Next week we will be holding school council elections in all year groups from Year 2 to Year 6. All children are welcome to stand to be elected, they could create a poster and a speech about how they may improve the wonderful Wynstream. Any child who stands will earn class Dojo points. Once the council is established, it will be led by **Mr Baldwin**. As a school we encourage children to participate in democracy- a key British Value. We hope that many children will choose to stand this year.

We hope that the first week went well for all. As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the staff.

Have a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

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Elise Redman

Headteacher





### **Governors Assembly in July.**

On the last day of last term we held our first ever Governors' Assembly. One child from each year group received an award for progress in their learning.

Shields were also awarded to 1 child from across the whole school community who we wanted to recognise as exemplars for Integrity, Aspiration, Responsibility, Curiosity and Resilience as our school values. We have included a few photographs of the event to share with you on the next page.

Congratulations to everyone.









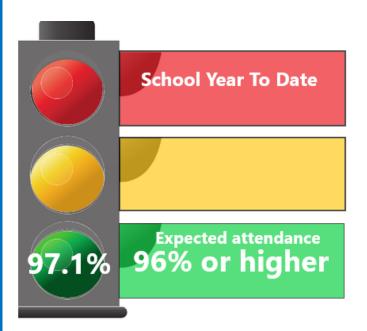








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#### **School Attendance - Ongoing Reporting**

The information below shows that whole school attendance for the dates between 6th September 2022 and 8th September is currently **97.1%**, much improved on the 91.9% statistic we reported on for the end of last term. This is fantastic for the learning of all of our children!

This is now above the expected national attendance rate of 96% or higher and in line with our aim for 97%.



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Robinson as our new school crossing patrol person. Welcome to the Wynstream team!

## Headteacher's Award



As we work through celebrating our 5 school values and nominated British Values, our teachers this week have nominated a pupil in their class who has demonstrated any one of these values. Congratulations to the 14 children who have been nominated.

For more information about our school values, vision and ethos please visit our website or click here

**Congratulations to:** 

**EYFS** 

Freya Pepperill & Brody Bennett

Year 1

Blue Lee & Oreoluwa Odetona

Year 2

**Anabiya Yaqoob & Tommy Hardy** 





Year 3

**Libby Willis & Angelin Jomon** 

Year 4

Leon Warsinski & Ethan Tape

Year 5

**Tommy Lee & Mason Bennett** 

Year 6

Leo Tiley & Rueben Gibbins

Some example of the nominations this week are;

This child has arrived at school everyday with a smile on his face. He has participated and tried his hardest in every task and discussion we have had this week.

This child is responsible for her own and the belonging of others as well as being a great model to everyone.

**Congratulations,** and really well done to everyone.