

**PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer holiday. It was lovely to welcome back all of our children and young people to Papillon this Wednesday. The children who have moved to new classes have done extremely well and everybody has enjoyed seeing their friends and the grown-ups, settling back into school life together.

We have welcomed two new pupils to Papillon this week in Caterpillar Class, Ariya and Tiana. They have done very well this week and their new class have enjoyed getting to know them and playing with their new friends.

We also have some new staff who I would like to introduce you to, Max (Class Teacher in Admiral Class), Lucy and Sue P (SNAs in Caterpillar Class and Peacock Class), Shannon (Occupational Therapist) and Martin (Caretaker). All our new staff have also settled in well and I would like to welcome them to our Papillon team and wish them luck in their new positions with us.

With the sad news of the death of Her Majesty The Queen yesterday, next week we will be carrying out activities in all classes to celebrate the Queen's life. This week some classes have been watching Newsround and today the adults have welcomed discussions and offered support to all pupils and to each other.

If children and young people are upset, [Minded](https://www.minded.org.uk/) is a source of information to support children and young people to manage death and loss: <https://www.minded.org.uk/>

You might find some useful information on the following topics of help also:

- [Dealing with change](https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/behaviour/dealing-with-change/all-audiences) - <https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/behaviour/dealing-with-change/all-audiences>
- [Bereavement](https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/mental-health/bereavement) - <https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/mental-health/bereavement>

Information about the mourning period can be found at: <https://www.royal.uk/>

Class Topics – Autumn Term 1

Caterpillar Class – Our School
Meadow Class – Healthy Living
Peacock Class – Our Community
Swallowtail Class – Our School Community
Monarch Class – Rainforests
Admiral Class – Hello, let me introduce myself
Emperor Class – Keeping myself healthy and happy

Next week you will receive information from the class teachers detailing what they children will be learning in different subject areas throughout this half term.

Physical Off-site visits – Autumn Term 1

Caterpillar Class – Playparks (Wednesdays)
Meadow Class – Horse Riding – Epsom RDA (Thursdays)
Peacock Class and Swallowtail Class – Swimming – Dorking Pool (Tuesdays)
Monarch Class and Admiral Class – Cycling – St Georges Track, Epsom (Thursdays)
Emperor Class – Cycling – Sutton (Mondays)

Community Visits

This week Monarch Class and Admiral Class went cycling, Swallowtail Class went to Asda, and Emperor Class went to Priory Park in Reigate.

Curriculum news

We are pleased say that Religious Education is now going to have a focussed session on all classes' timetables. We will be following our own scheme based on Surrey SACRE's (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) advice for Primary schools. Pupils will be learning a range of Christian concepts and each class will learn about one other religion throughout the year. They will also learn about celebrations and festivals, places of worship and significant stories. If you have any questions, please email Naomi (Senior Teacher, Curriculum and Assessment Lead): naomi.hills@papillonhouseschool.co.uk

Papillion School Volunteering on Headley Heath

Last term Emperor Class were working with the Ranger at Headley Heath and I would like to share the following feedback from Theo the National Trust Ranger at Headley Heath:

"It has been a real pleasure to have some of the children and teachers from Papillion School join me volunteering on Headley Heath. The main task we have been doing is tree popping. To do this we use a specialised tool to remove saplings, roots and all, from the ground.

The enthusiasm shown by some of the student was a pleasure to see, and it quite quickly became positive and spirited competition to see who could pop the biggest tree, something I even see in some of my adult volunteers. One student, Cameron, would become quite engrossed in the task, quietly popping away, clearing a lot of ground, while Joe and Stuart would be displaying their well-earned trophies for all to see, and David would sometimes forgo the tools altogether and test his strength, and usually win, against the silver birch we were trying to remove.

The staff were wonderful to work with as well, encouraging the children to try the task, providing constant positive reinforcement while making sure everyone had something to do, from Cassius and James loading up the bags to Yara taking photos as media managers, even acknowledging that some of the students were not too interested in the physical side of the activity but would rather soak up their surroundings in a beautiful place we are lucky enough to have so close to us."

Uniform 'Swap Shop'

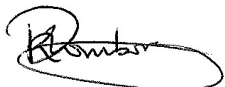
Given the current climate and the financial pinch everyone is feeling, we thought it would be a good idea to start a Uniform Swap Shop. We would like to start taking in donations for second hand school uniform for parents to be able to come and help themselves to when they visit school for events like sports day, parents' evening the summer BBQ etc. If you have any uniform that your child or young person no longer needs that you think is in a reasonable condition then we would gladly take it off your hands to give it a new lease of life and help out another family. Please start sending in anything you have and any time there's a growth spurt at home 😊

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place this term. I will send you further information nearer the time.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	5 th September	ALL DAY	INSET Day
Tuesday	6 th September	ALL DAY	INSET Day
Wednesday	7 th September	9.30am	First Day of Term
Wednesday	21 st September	AM	Nasal Flu & HPV
Monday	26 th September	5 – 8pm	Family BBQ
Monday	10 th October	3.30 – 7pm	Parents Evening
Monday	17 th October - TBC	AM	Individual photos

Have a lovely weekend.



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