



Queen Elizabeth School

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Message from Helen

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back this week and hear about all the wonderful things our staff and pupils have been doing over the summer. We are especially excited that our new building "Discovery Island" is here and our Nursery and Key Stage one pupils have been enjoying the new facilities with its fantastic outside play areas.

Uniform: It has also been lovely to see pupils in their smart uniform. We have a new supplier, Taylor Made, from whom you can order on line via their website at www.taylormadeuniforms.co.uk . They do currently have some of our new school fleeces selling at cost price.

New Staff: We welcome three new teachers this term, Mandy Williams in Beachcombers, Emma Carroll in Cavers and Becca Pusey in Pilots. We also welcome Dom Batchelor and Tammy O'Neil as SSAs, Pip Allen as our new operations manager and Anna Saunders, speech therapist. We are very excited to have them with us. Holly Parsons has taken on a new role as admin assistant. Please do come along to our meet the teacher afternoon next Friday, 16th September from 1.40 - 2.20. It will give you the opportunity to see your child's class and meet the staff.

Topic: This term our topic in Early Years and key stage one is Once Upon a Time, in key stage two it is Superheroes, key stage three are exploring Princes, Paupers and Peasants and key stage four and five are investigating the slave trade. Please do look for further information on our school website and eSchools and encourage your child to share with you what they have been learning. Please do also look at our Earwig platform where progress can be viewed alongside lots of lovely photos. We are hoping that it will soon be possible for you to add your own photos to this to give an even better overview of all our pupils are experiencing and achieving.

eSchools: We do use eSchools for all communication from teachers and classes so please do log in regularly to keep informed. If you have any problems, Stephen is always happy to help.

We continue to have building work in school so do bear with us as we improve the facilities. The landscaping and playground are still ongoing and we are hoping that the internal work to improve the changing facilities in the hydro pool and between two classes, to put in our rebound therapy room, immersive space, library and provision rooms will start by half term.

School Day Timings: Please can I ask that everyone is on time bringing children in at the beginning of the day and collecting them. Learning begins promptly and it can be very disruptive to our pupils when they are disturbed by latecomers. Pupils are collected from the school buses at 8.45 and everyone coming in with parents and carers should be here at 9am. If your child is not going to be in school please phone the school office before 9.15am and if you can let us know of any appointments in advance that is really helpful. We would always encourage that any holidays are not taken during term time. We don't want our pupils missing out on all the exciting learning and experiences they have in school. Please also ensure that children are collected promptly at 3.10 at the end of the school day.

On another note, please can I remind everyone that we aim to be a nut free school and ask that you help us to keep everyone safe.

I am really looking forward to another exciting school year full of new adventures, learning and fun and hope that you all enjoy coming on the journey with us.

SSN Flyer: Please see the attached information from the Special School Nursing Service.

Immunisation Service: The Sussex Immunisation Service will be coming into school on 21.09.22 to give HPV vaccinations to pupils in Year 8 and to give Teenage Booster vaccinations to pupils in Year 9. Consent for this can no longer be given via school and must be done online by following the instructions that were sent out by email to the relevant parents & carers in July.

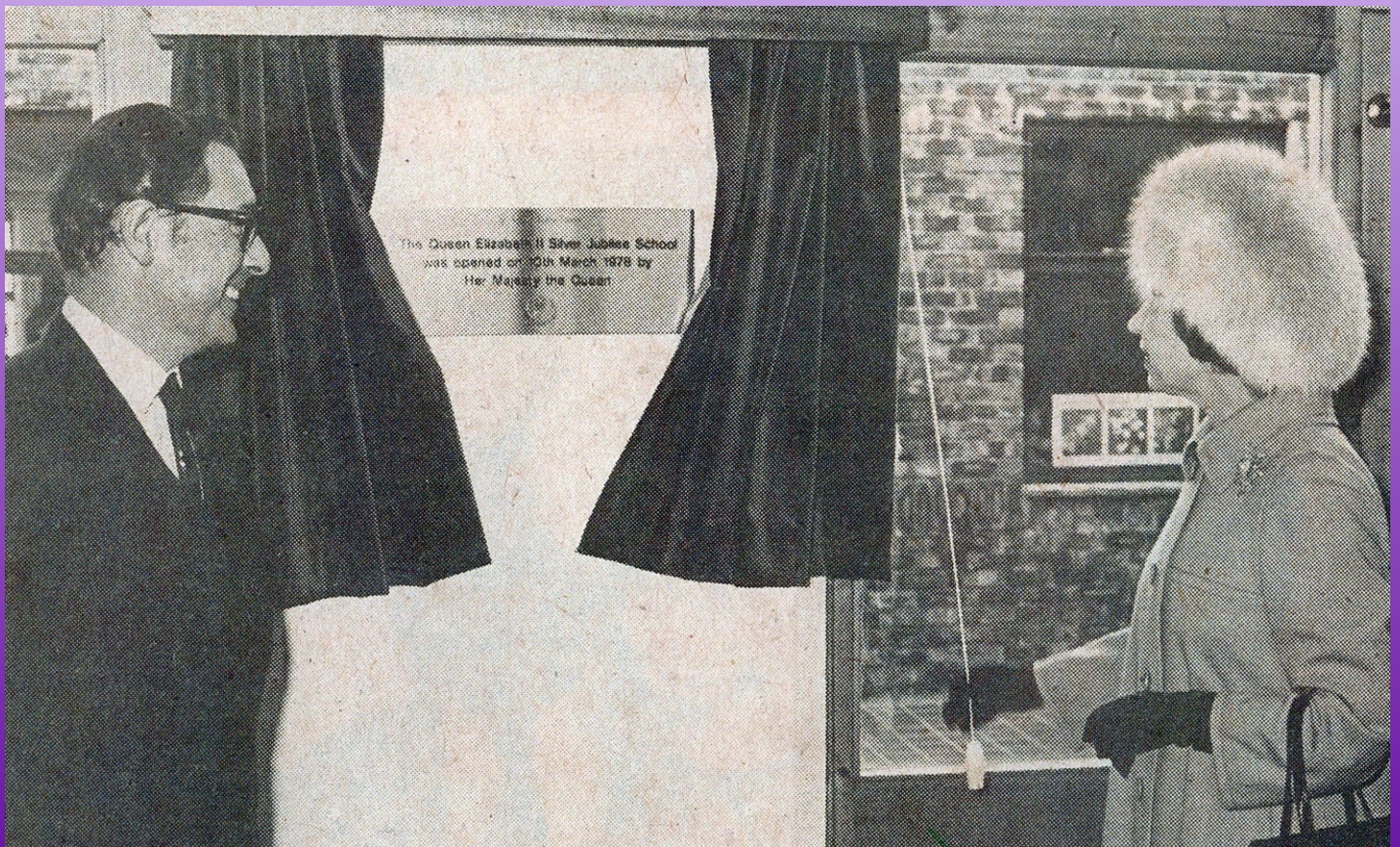
The Queen

Whatever we feel about the Queen and the Royal Family this is a momentous moment in British history and a huge loss to our nation. She has always been a part of our lives, giving continuity and unity to our country and we will never know another Queen. Many of us will be mourning her loss. We may never have met her but we feel that we knew her. I know I am mourning the loss of an inspirational leader who stood so firmly by her Christian faith, who openly declared that faith and stood by those values. Those values are those of this school and ones I want to emulate.

In the words of Boris Johnson, "She spread her magic around her kingdom" and once she brought that magic here. She is in our name and will always be a part of the fabric of this school.

We will be spending some time today talking to our pupils about the Queen, what she stood for and all that she has meant to this country. I am sure that with all the media coverage over the next few days, some of our pupils will have questions and it may raise emotions of more personal losses around which we will be very mindful.

Should schools be asked to close for the state funeral, I will endeavour to confirm this with you as soon as I know.



On a day of announcements I would also like to inform you that our deputy head, Vicky, is going to be the new Head at New Barn School in Horsham from January 2023. We offer her our huge congratulations. Vicky has been a part of the fabric of this school for a number of years and will be greatly missed but I know that she will be brilliant in her new role. We wish her every success in her new adventure.

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Letters Home

There is a letter attached to this newsletter for parents & carers of students in *Cavers*, *Divers*, *Sailors* and *Globetrotters* classes about their Forest School sessions.