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Dear Parents,

I hope you – and the children – have enjoyed the first week back at school. If you are new to the school, I wish you a very warm welcome from me and the whole team. I hope that you have had a wonderful start.

From my perspective, it has been a very happy and calm week. The children have seemed settled and the classes have very quickly resumed focused learning. The children have been keen to tell me all about their new books, maths skills and more and it's been great to see children with such motivation for learning.

Of course, we are all processing the terrible news regarding the passing of Queen Elizabeth. This is incredibly sad and all families will be affected in different ways. Today, we chose age-appropriate ways to speak to the children in classes about it and will be considering our response to this momentous event next week. I know that you will all join me in wanting to play our part in marking this poignant event.

Attendance in the first week back has been mixed. A huge well done from me to all of those classes who have achieved 100% this week – and a thank-you to the parents who have ensured that children are back from holidays on time. It is the very clear expectation that children are at school until the final day of summer term and back on the first day of school – holidays can not be extended. It is vital that children are in school, and I thank all of you who support us so well in this message.

I am happy to see children enjoying the early Autumn sunshine in their summer uniform and I know that this has been appreciated by many of you – both for reasons of comfort and getting value for money out of uniform for children who grow rapidly! It has come to my attention that the uniform expectations are not on the website – which will soon be rectified – so the relevant section from the parent handbook is copied below. As a guide, I would expect all children to be in normal uniform – not summer uniform – by October half term.

Can I ask that you please bear with us with dismissal at the end of the day? There was a lot of badly-timed rain this week and many parents were, understandably, in a rush to pick up their children. This presented some challenges for teachers who do not yet know all parents. We must ensure that we safely dismiss children at the end of the day and this will require some patience while teachers, especially those new to the school, get to know you all.

Key dates for the term will follow in next week's newsletter, including assessments and parents evening. Year 6 will soon be undertaking their first mock tests and all children in years 2-6 will have a reading age

assessment this half term, the outcome of which will be shared with you at parents evening.

Thanks for a very supportive first week back from you all and have a lovely weekend.

Peter Watkins
Headteacher

Thank-you to those of you who attended my welcome video call on Monday, if you missed it, the video link is here: [Parent Information Meeting-20220905_163431-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

Uniform expectations

Franklin's Uniform
Ark Franklin sweater or cardigan
White shirt – short or long-sleeved depending on the weather
School tie
Grey skirt, trousers, shorts or pinafore
In warmer weather, there is also the option to wear our purple and white gingham dress with logo, or our purple polo shirt with logo
Grey, purple or white socks or tights
Ark Franklin blazer for pupils in Years 5 & 6 (with shirt and tie, not polo)
Nursery Purple sweatshirt and grey jogging bottoms with white polo shirt with Ark Franklin logo, though children are also <u>welcome</u> to wear the full school uniform, as detailed above.
PE Kit Summer & Indoor White polo shirt with Ark Franklin logo Black shorts
Winter & Outdoor Purple sweatshirt and white polo shirt with Ark Franklin logo, plus plain grey jogging bottoms
For PE appropriate footwear is essential: trainers should be worn

Please also note that earrings must be small studs only, more detail is in the parent handbook.

West London Zone

If you do wish to 'opt-out' of data sharing with West London Zone, please do refer to my email this week for who to email but please speak to me in the first instance if you have any concerns. We want to be able to direct this valuable support to as many children as possible and a conversation may be useful if you have any queries.



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Queens Park Day

You may have seen the banner outside the school advertising Queen's Park Day – please refer to the website for more details about attending:

<https://www.qpark.org.uk/>

iPayimpact

As you will know, the Ark Network are moving to iPayimpact for all parent payments. There have been some technical issues with the transition, but we are working on them and hope to have all information, including sign-up for clubs, with you as soon as we can.

This week at Franklin

The new Reception children have been exploring the grounds and getting to know their new classes:

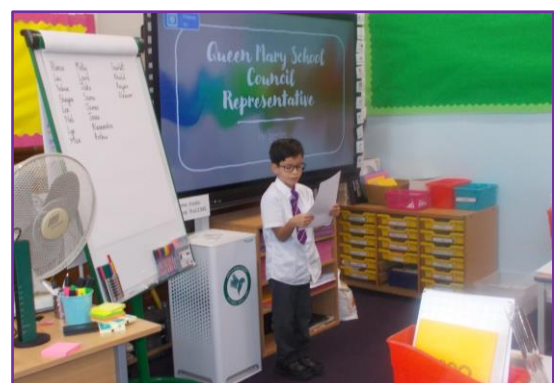


Attendance

Class	Percentage
Nursery Middlesex	-
Rec Athens 2022	100.00
Rec Kingston 2022	95.12
Rec NTU 2022	100.00
1 Brighton 2022	99.01
1 Liverpool 2022	93.72
1 RAD 2022	100.00
2 Goldsmith 2022	91.37
2 Bath 2022	92.93
2 Winchester 2022	88.21
3 Nottingham 2022	97.96
3 LCM 2022	91.10
3 Sussex 2022	95.92
4 Durham 2022	85.14
4 Queen Mary 2022	100.00
4 Newcastle 2022	93.75
5 MIT 2022	100.00
5 Canterbury 2022	98.11
5 Cambridge 2022	100.00
6 Limerick 2022	94.33
6 GSA 2022	100.00
6 Sheffield 2022	96.19
Whole School	95.85



One of the many school council speeches given this week.





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Year 6 team-building and problem-solving

