



September 9th 2022

Dear Parents,

It is difficult to write today's newsletter given the sad news yesterday of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The nation is in mourning as we enter this unprecedented time. For the vast majority of us, Queen Elizabeth is the only monarch that we have ever known and the deep sadness felt across the country is shown by the outpouring of love and grief. As a school we are keen to support the children as we know that the passing of a national figure may bring back memories of loved ones we have lost ourselves. If you have been affected and would like support for your child, please speak to Mrs Shafiq or your child's class teacher.

Welcome Back

All of the adults at Conway Primary came back to school on Monday and we had two wonderful days of training to share up-to-date thinking and consider ways to change our practice that can benefit your children even further.

On Wednesday we welcomed back our children and it was wonderful to see and speak to so many members of our community. We really have missed you all. Our Reception children have settled in well and we are looking forward to welcoming our new nursery families on Wednesday 14th September.

Many of the routines we put in place last year stay in place. Children should arrive at school at 8:30am. Gates will lock promptly at 8:40am. Once the gates have been locked, you must enter through the Conway Road entrance. We have additional padlocks to ensure that the school is safe through the day and we will not reopen these until 3:15pm (excluding Fridays). School continues to finish at 12:25pm every Friday.

For safeguarding purposes, we ask that anyone on our site puts their phone away.

Curriculum

We are keen to welcome parents into school as often as possible to share in your child's learning. We are starting this by holding curriculum mornings for each year group. These will be 8:45-9am and it is important that you are prompt so that we can begin. Your child's year group team will share with you a wealth of information so that you are aware of what your child will be learning this half term and ways in which you can help them. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

Parent Support

Following the theme of reaching out to the community, Mrs Shafiq will continue to hold a weekly coffee morning. Each week there will be a theme or guest who may be external or someone from within the school. These start at 8:45am and are held in the sports hall which you can access from Conway Road.

To finish, as a school we will keep you updated regarding any school closures for The Queen's funeral. Please do check our website (Conway.bham.sch.uk) or our Twitter page ([Conway_primary](https://twitter.com/Conway_primary)) to receive any updates.

May I wish you a wonderful weekend and I look forward to a full week next week.

Best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton