



# Wise Owls News

Autumn Term 9th September 2022

## Welcome to Doddinghurst Infant School Newsletter

### Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

A warm welcome to both our new and existing families. We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable break with your children and families, whatever you managed to do. Most parents looked relieved to be dropping off their 'Little Angels'! The children looked ready to immerse themselves into their new year groups and have been very busy learning the new routines.

We were incredibly excited to welcome our new children in EYFS who all entered on their first day with a big smile. This is a big milestone for these children and their families, and we want you to enjoy this educational experience.

I appreciated your support for sending your child in dressed smartly in their new school uniforms. This really helps the children to be prepared for learning and be part of the school community. Some were very eager to show me their new shoes, especially the soles! I was also pleased to see the children arrive on time and be ready for learning.

Attendance and punctuality are an important aspect of school life which maximises opportunity for each child to realise his/her true potential. Following new guidance from the DfE, attendance and punctuality will be a big focus of this academic year. We will be sending further information linked to this in the next few weeks.



Finally our school community sends our condolences, thoughts and prayers to the Royal Family at this very sad time.

Our Queen was truly an extraordinary woman who was loved all over the world. She served her country with dignity and grace. She will be remembered for her warmth, humour and dedication to our country. We spent time with the children talking about how they felt and gave our own tribute at the school gate, whilst Year 1 & 2 stood quietly while the church bells rang.

Reverend Ann has opened the church so people can pray, light candles and lay floral tributes. We will let you know about any services in the village and other ways in which we will be remembering the Queen.

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Nicholson