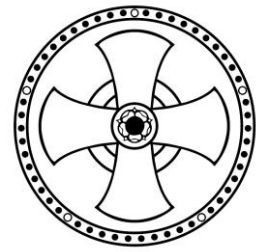




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September 14th 2022

Re: Curriculum Overviews  
Parent Consultation Evening  
Open Evening  
Partnership Work – Newman Family of Schools  
Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Arrangements in Rottingdean and School Closure

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you'd expect, after the start of term last week, this week is filling up nicely and there are plenty of updates to share with you.

Curriculum Overviews:

First, attached to this letter you'll find the curriculum overviews for your child's class. Over the past two years, we've moved away from a topic based approach to one where phonics and reading take centre stage. Books and reading now drive our curriculum and if you've been into our foyer, you'll have seen a visual representation of this. Through this approach and in partnership with you, we look to develop a deep love of reading and a fluency and confidence which prepares everyone not just for the challenges of secondary education, but for a life rich in reading and everything this brings. The plans also show what's being covered in all the different subjects across the year allowing you a greater grasp of what your child is working on and towards. The plans link together, showing a progression from Reception to Year 6 and are also available on your child's class page of the website.

Homework details will follow from individual class teachers as these differ according to ages and we'll also be in touch to give you some further information about our teaching of phonics and reading so that you can support at home.

Parental Consultation:

You'll have a chance to speak to your child(rens) teacher(s) at our first Parental Consultation of the year on Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>. The idea of having this so close to the start of the year is so that you can better understand how they have settled into new routines and lessons. Please check your PINGS for further details about how to make an appointment.

Open Evening:

Our first Open Evening of the year for prospective Reception Parents for September 2023 will also be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October. If you know of any friends or family, neighbours or acquaintances who are interested in finding a place for their child, please do ask them to call the school office on 01273 306980 to book a place. Early signs are that it will be a busy evening, so it's a good idea to get in touch sooner rather than later.

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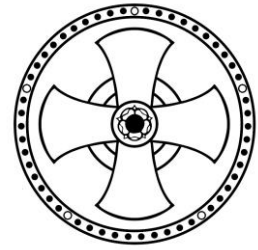
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### Partnership Work – Newman Family of Schools – School Closure for Training

I've written before about the work we're undertaking across the catholic schools of Brighton and Hove to support our staff and children. This partnership, known as the Newman Family of Schools is a key strategy to ensure we are able to respond to the challenges of current times and also build great partnerships between staff and children, for the benefit of all. Our INSET day on October 20<sup>th</sup>, is a shared training day across all our schools. Therefore, please keep in mind that Our Lady's will be closed on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> to allow this training to take place.

### Queen Elizabeth Funeral and Memorial – School Closed Monday September 19th

You'll also be aware that we'll be closed on Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> as this day has been given over to the Queen's funeral. We will reopen on Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at our normal time of 8.40am.

On this note, the Parish Council of Rottingdean have asked that I pass on to you a message regarding a memorial service on The Green on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>:

*"The funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been confirmed for Monday 19 September.*

*Rottingdean branch of the Royal British Legion is coordinating a service at midday on the Village Green on Sunday 18 September.*

*We would like to have two poems read aloud at the service; the first from an under 18 year old and the second written by an 18 or over.*

*We are asking for your inputs.*

- \* The poems should have the title 'Our Queen'*
- \* Submissions to be before 15.00 Thursday 15 September*
- \* Submissions to include your name, age and contact details; phone number & email*
- \* Submissions to be sent to [sue.john@rottingdean-pc.gov.uk](mailto:sue.john@rottingdean-pc.gov.uk)*
- \* Poem author must be willing to read aloud or nominate someone to read aloud their submission on the Village Green on Sunday 18 September during service."*

Best wishes,

Headteacher

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