

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Under normal circumstances, our first letter of the year is always upbeat and celebratory, on this occasion I find myself acknowledging in writing that Queen Elizabeth II has passed and the country now enters a period of national mourning.

The passing of Queen Elizabeth II, the longest serving monarch this country has ever had, is a seminal moment in history that we are living witnesses to. Her passing and the period of national mourning will be a learning experience for us all. During this period, we will ensure that our children are not adversely affected by the news and upcoming events e.g. lying-in-state and the state funeral. Today we afforded teachers the time to deliver a PSHE session in class about who Queen Elizabeth II was, her role, and her passing. We will continue to deliver PSHE sessions that align with our curriculum as we navigate our way through this momentous time in British history.

As and when we receive guidance from central government regarding days of closing etc. we will inform you at the earliest opportunity.

That said, in spite of the tragic news we received yesterday, we have had a very positive start to the new academic year. Our new Reception cohort started their formal education journey with us this week culminating in their first full day today. By extension, we welcome their parents into our community and as such extend an invite to become members of our Parents, Children and Teachers Association (PCTA).

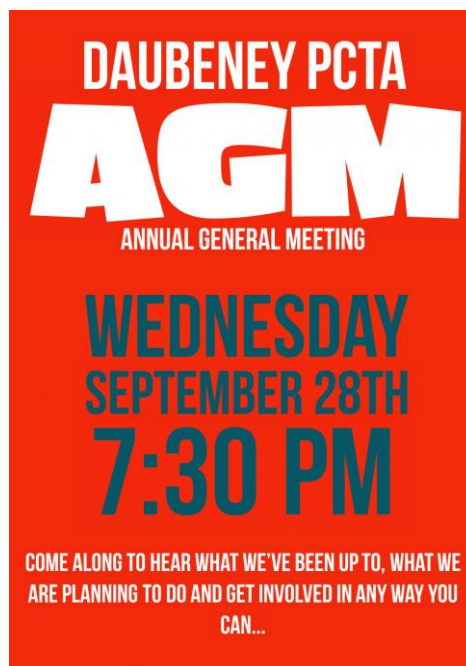
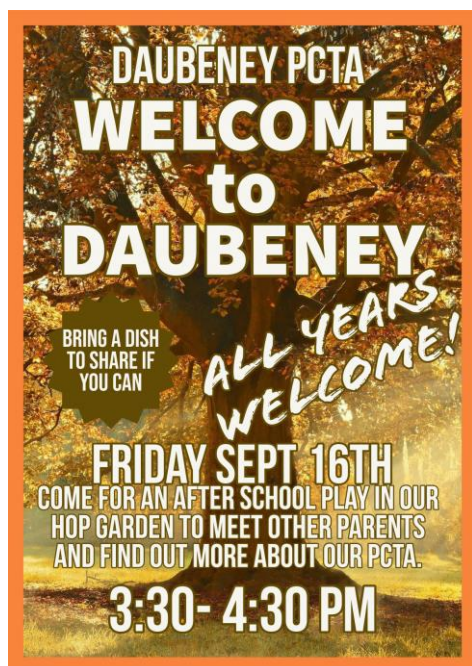
At Daubeney we seek to work with our parents and as such we invite you to our annual 'Meet the Teacher' event that will take place next Tuesday, please see the timings below, where you will learn about the routines and expectations for your child(ren) this year.

Date & Time	Year Group	Location
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – 3:45pm	Nursery	Nursery Building
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – 3:45pm	Reception	Reception classrooms
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – 3:45pm	Year 1	Year 1 classrooms
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – 4:15pm	Year 2	Year 2 classrooms
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – 3:45pm	Year 3	Year 3 classrooms
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 4:15pm	Year 4	Year 4 classrooms
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – 4:15pm	Year 5	Year 5 classrooms
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – 3:45pm	Year 6	Year 6 classrooms

We especially implore the parents of our Y6 cohort to attend as this will be their last year with us and will soon be applying for secondary schools, which will be a topic of discussion at the Y6 meeting.

As it is a new school year, and we have new families joining us, if you do have any queries please email them to [admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk); ring the office on 0208 985 4380; check our website; speak to a member of SLT at the start or end of day or speak to your child(ren)'s class teacher(s) at home-time.

Please have a great weekend and take good care of each other at this time.



Yours sincerely,

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