



**Alexandra Park Primary School**  
*Care, Aspire, Achieve*

## Friday 9th September 2022

It has genuinely been a fantastic first full week back. One of our key focuses this year is children's engagement. Not only do we want them to learn, but we want them to learn in a way which they enjoy. Our aim is that they regularly come home and say 'Today, I did this at school and I loved it'. As a parent I know this is quite an ambitious goal, especially as my own girls seem to only love playtime and school dinners. Nonetheless, I am sure we can send them home with smiles on their faces, and hopefully excited about coming to school. If you have any feedback, positive or negative, on how your child is finding their learning, please let your child's teacher know. Our class forums at the end of the day are an opportunity for the children to talk about their learning too. As a school we continually want to improve and know your views and your children's views are a great way to help us do this.

Lots of the children came in today talking about the sad news that Queen Elizabeth 11 passed away yesterday. We have spoken to the children about this today and will continue to do so over the coming week.

### **Reception**

We are so impressed with how well Reception has settled this week. The children have enjoyed exploring their new environment both inside and outside and making new friends. We have been especially impressed by how well the children have behaved during lunchtimes, using their manners and helping each other. Well done Reception!

I would also like to add how impressed I have been with all the Reception children. It has been great to see how quickly they have settled and like our Reception team have said, it has been amazing to see how calm and well behaved they are as they eat their lunch. Please tell them how proud we are of them all.



## Year 2 and Year 5

Year 2 and Year 5 teamed up this week for a fantastic reading session. The Year 5 children chose a story to read, and the Year 2 children absolutely loved all the funny, enthusiastic character voices they made! One year 5 exclaimed, "I didn't know reading could be so fun!"



## Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been working on partner balances in gymnastics. The children showed great determination and creativity in the poses that they created.





## **Star of The Week**

Fridays' assemblies are always the best time of the week. What stood out to me this week was that when every teacher spoke about who was their star of the week, they also mentioned how fantastic their class has been as a whole. It really has been a great start to the school year. During drinks and biscuits, we spoke a lot about playtimes. The children were very positive about the changes we have made and all said they enjoyed being on the playground. Developing our playgrounds is an ongoing project and we will keep you informed of future improvements.



## **Important Dates**

- Stay and Read for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents will start on Thursday 15th September 8.40 to 9.10 and will be held every week.
- Care in the Community nomination to be sent in via Seesaw on Friday 14th October
- School breaks up for half term on Friday 21st October
- School reopens on Tuesday 1st November
- Parents evenings Wednesday 9th November 3.15pm to 6.00pm
- Parents evening Thursday 10th November 3.15pm to 7.30pm