

# Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Happy Friday Everybody,

It has certainly been a busy and an eventful week here at Two Boats School. We are seeing a sharp increase in the number of positive COVID cases in both children and staff members this week. This has resulted in some classes being merged together and multiple year groups being taught together. Our policy has been put into action and school is continuing to serve the children and the community.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff here at school for their dedication and support in keeping the school open to the children. Ultimately, by staying open, it means the island can function as it should. A big thank you to you the parents too, for swiftly testing your children when they are beginning to show symptoms and for keeping us informed along the way. This has slowed the rate of transmission in school.

We are hoping that we shouldn't have to close school. However, if we reach a stage where we do not have enough staff to operate safely, then we have to consider our options on a temporary basis. We will be sure to keep you informed as and when the need arises.

Unfortunately, I had to take the decision this week to delay the start of term for our new Nursery cohort. This again was due to us not having enough staff in our EYFS to safely have all the children in school. All being well, the new Nursery will now start on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. I look forward to seeing all the new faces then.

#### **Welcome to Two Boats School**

COVID aside, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new faces to Two Boats School. The



first is Miss Charmaine Henry, who has joined us as our Secondary Science Teacher. We're thrilled to have Charmaine on board. You will hear more from Charmaine in the coming weeks.



A big welcome also to Lennix Henry, who has joined our Year 2 Class. Lennix and his family have joined us from the Falklands. The children in Year 1 and 2 have already enjoyed hearing his stories about the cold weather and snow on our sister British Overseas Island.

## Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022.

Students get to wear their Jeans for a small donation of £1 for Charity.

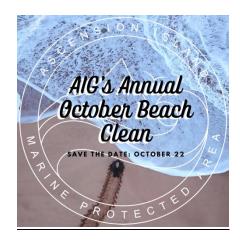
More details to follow next week.



## **Public Holiday**

School will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, as this has been declared a bank holiday for the Queen's funeral. School will reopen as normal on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Annual Beach Clean 2022: Save the Date



That's it for this week. Enjoy the long weekend.

Mr Higgins Deputy Head Teacher



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A tribute on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II by Year 7 Students Two Boats

# May God Bless Our Queen



This past week has been enormously sad not only for Great Britain but also throughout the world for the loss of an amazing Head of Monarch – Head of State, Queen Elizabeth II. At school we were asked to think about all that we have heard about our queen and use this knowledge to create an acrostic poem. Enjoy!

Year 7 Students - Aaliyah, Aisja, Riley and Dane





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Quietly we remember a dear old soul,

Unbelievably strong, for seventy years she did reign.

Excellent example - a role model to us all.

Elegant, sophisticated and glamourous she did dress;

**N**oble and loyal, a servant we trusted.

Educated and knowledgeable, equality she showed to all

Loving, gracious, a royal who stood tall.

Intelligent and incredible in so many ways,

**Z**ealous and zippy right to the end.

A great, graceful leader globally known

Brave and heroic as she served on her throne

Enlightening and encouraging,

Thoughtful and tough

Heartfelt messages she shared, in times that were rough

Respected throughout the nation for her kindness and care

**E**mbracing the Commonwealth once a year

Important and religious, a Christian she would pray

Great as a mother – grandmother too,

Never giving up - through thick and thin.

Elizabeth II at a grand age of ninety six

Died peacefully 8<sup>th</sup> September – she is now laid to rest.