

# The Royal School

Loving to learn, learning to love, guided by God.



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## September

- 13<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Parent workshop**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wrens Class to the Royal Forest Show**
- 16<sup>th</sup> 2.40pm Assembly**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Play Leaders Training 9am-3pm, Stovell Playing Fields**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 2.40pm Assembly**
- 27<sup>th</sup> 9.15pm Parent workshop**
- 30<sup>th</sup> 2.40pm Assembly**

## October

- 7<sup>th</sup> 2.40pm Assembly**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Parent workshop**
- 14<sup>th</sup> 2.40pm Assembly**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Individual pupil photos**



## Dear Parents

We have had a wonderful start to the term, the children are settled into their new classrooms and there is an excited buzz of learning as you wander around the school. It has been good to meet so many of you over the course of the week and I would like to thank you, as a parent community, for the fantastic welcome that you have given me to The Royal School.

### Student Council, House Leaders and student leadership positions.

On Friday we elected students onto the student council and into positions of responsibility for this school year. The student council will meet weekly this year and I am looking forward to our first meeting on Tuesday this week. Please encourage your child to take any ideas they have for the school to their student council representative to bring forward at the meeting.

### The School web page

Please keep an eye on the school web page. We have already made a few changes to it and information is being updated on an ongoing basis. If you have suggestions and ideas for things that you would like to see included on the web page, please send them into the school office via email or jotted on a piece of paper.

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## Friday Assembly

It was good to see such a large turn-out for our Celebration assembly on Friday afternoon. Every Friday at 2.40pm our assembly is open for the whole school community to attend.

## School buildings

Over the Summer the Crown Estate have done a tremendous job around the school. The school is looking wonderful and I know you will join me in thanking the Crown Estate in ensuring that our children have a beautiful and functional building to base their learning in.

## A little about me

For our new parents that I didn't meet last year I thought I would tell you a little about myself. I have spent the last seven years based in Bahrain, where I have been on the senior management team of a medium sized primary school (a British School Overseas) as well as working in teacher education, school improvement planning and school inspection. Prior to this I taught from Early Years to upper Secondary in New Zealand. I have two sons at University in New Zealand and one son, daughter-in law and grandson in Australia. I am looking forward to meeting each of you, please come and introduce yourself when you see me around school.

## Helping your child with reading

I will be running a parent workshop centred around helping your child with reading on Tuesday at 9.00am in the Hall. The workshop will run through how children develop reading skills, motivating reluctant readers as well as developing comprehension skills. There will be a short

presentation with practical things that you can do to help your child, followed by a question and answer time. There is no need to register for the session and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

## After school clubs

I am currently looking at possibilities for after school clubs. Please complete the attached survey form to help us gauge interest in after school clubs thank you.

## Loving to Learn, Learning to Love, Guided by God

Our focus this month in assemblies is what does "loving to learn" look like? On Friday the children heard that

sometimes learning is hard but the mistakes and difficulties make the learning more valuable. Sometimes loving is not a feeling about learning but a choice that we make. The children heard that God can guide us through and use the hardships and mistakes to develop our character. This links into our Personal, Social and Health Education goal for this month of developing independence and resilience.

*Romans 5:3-4 We (also) have joy with our troubles because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope.*



**Yours sincerely**

**Mrs Bev Coombridge**