

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Queen Elizabeth II 1952-2022



We are all very sad at the passing of Her Majesty the Queen after 70 years as our monarch.

This morning in school we had an infant and junior special assembly for the children and staff to honour and thank Queen Elizabeth for her great service to this country.

As a school community we reflected on her life as the longest serving monarch in British History.

Elizabeth was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on 2nd June, 1953, in Westminster Abbey, at the age of 25. During her reign, she was witness to huge changes in Britain. Queen Elizabeth II is our longest serving monarch. As queen she will be remembered as a queen who spent her life keeping the promise she made when she was first crowned to serve her people and her country.

We shared the following prayer

God, Our Father,

All through our country, we are sad at this time because our Queen is no longer with us.

She will be missed by so very many, but we know you are looking after her,

Bless those close to her. May they know they are remembered by us, And bless our country at this time of change.

May we all work together as one family, and be ready to serve others, as our Queen served us. In Jesus name we ask our prayer. Amen

In school we will continue over the few days to reflect on the Queen's life through a range of activities and collective worships.

I have included a message from the Archbishop of Liverpool.

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, has issued the following statement on the death of Queen Elizabeth.

'I am deeply saddened to hear the news about the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I pray for the repose of her soul and for all the members of the Royal Family at this time of sorrow.'

'On 21 April 1947, her 21st birthday, in a speech broadcast on the radio from Cape Town, the then Princess Elizabeth dedicated her life to the service of the Commonwealth saying, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong".'

'Today we give thanks for that lifetime of service to our country and for her leadership of the Church of England during her 70-year reign. The celebrations we witnessed earlier this year for her Platinum Jubilee show how much respect and love people had for her.'

'She will be remembered for her dedication, strength, warmth and her pride in our country.'

'May this good and faithful servant rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.'



Our normal school newsletter will be sent early next week

I wish you all a peaceful weekend.

Best Wishes Alyson Rigby

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