



Dear Parents,

Friday 9th September 2022

Letter 3 Autumn Term 2022 2023- 'Remembering Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II'

Yesterday, we were all saddened to hear the news from Buckingham Palace on the death of Her Majesty the Queen. Today, we took the opportunity to thank God for all she did to serve this country, the Commonwealth, the Church and indeed our Schools.

In collective worship this morning, the pupils watched the sketch of the Queen and Paddington Bear made for the Jubilee and we focused on the theme of 'Thank you Ma'am, for everything'. The pupils said a prayer of thanks and remembered the Queen's long life dedicated to serving others, prompted by carefully selected photographs and quotes. To conclude, we sang 'Our Queen', a song the pupils know well.

The DFE released guidance for schools, outlining that in addition to special assemblies:

Primary schools may also wish to adapt 'Queen Elizabeth: A Platinum Jubilee Celebration', the commemorative book distributed to state-funded primary schools across the United Kingdom in 2022. If children and young people are upset, [Minded](#) is a source of information to support children and young people to manage death and loss. You can also visit the Palace's website for more information about the mourning period: www.royal.uk.

Our heartfelt condolences go to the Royal Family at this time of profound national grief and we will continue to support and reassure our pupils during this difficult time. Finally, I will share this morning's prayer:

Dear God,

We gather here today to remember Her Majesty the Queen.

We give thanks for her long life, and for all the ways she loved and served those in her care.

We bring you our sadness for what we have lost;

Our gratitude for what we remember and cherish;

And our wondering about what is to yet to come.

Thank you for the comfort, peace and hope you bring us.

Amen

Kind regards,

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