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THE PASSING OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Dear Parents and Families

As I am sure the children told you before the weekend, in our assembly on Friday morning, we celebrated the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and held a period of reflection which was observed immaculately by everyone. We reminded the children of the book and mug they received to mark the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee earlier this year and watched the Paddington Bear 'Marmalade Sandwich' video, to show the Queen's remarkable sense of humour and fun.

Over the weekend, the Department for Education provided headteachers with guidance regarding the National Mourning period and the forthcoming Bank Holiday, which will mark Her Majesty's State Funeral next Monday, 19th September. For the National Mourning Period, schools will remain open and normal attendance is expected. **Next Monday, all schools in the United Kingdom will be closed just as on other Bank Holidays.**

This week the children in our school will write letters to His Majesty King Charles III to share with him our sympathy and condolences on the passing of his mother, wish him well for his reign as our country's new monarch, and outline their hopes for the future as they grow up in the new Carolean era.

We are also aware that there are children in our school who may have recently lost relatives and loved ones and that any discussion about the Queen's passing may rekindle thoughts about them. We will be mindful of our children's feelings and treat these discussions with the care and reverence that befits the occasion.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Montague
Executive Headteacher

Queen Elizabeth II
1926-2022

