



**St Barnabas**

Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II yesterday. Today in school, staff and children from Year 1 to 6 have taken part in a short service to give thanks for her life and to reflect on her life and what she meant to them.

It is only a few short months since we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee and that was very clearly fresh in the minds of the children who reflected on the joy of those celebrations. Our children showed so much love and respect and compassion during this service. They described Her Majesty as kind, empathetic, generous and loving. They reflected on what they would remember about her; this included her smile, her love of animals and her way of bringing comfort. I could not be more proud of our children.

In class the children from Year 2 to Year 6 have watched the Newsround broadcast, which documented Her Majesty's life in child friendly language and images.

As the nation moves in to a period of national mourning, we will follow the advice issued by the Department for Education and Cabinet Office. Following this advice, we will only issuing urgent communication to parents via our regular channels until the end of this period. A planned RE and Art week, from 19<sup>th</sup> September, will go ahead focusing on our school values. We will also include discussions about how Her Majesty showed our school values throughout her long reign.

We are living through extraordinary times and I feel that it is important to reflect on these moments that will become key moments in history. However, I am also aware that there are families and children experiencing the pain of the deaths of loved ones. If you or your child need support at this time, please come in to school and speak to me.

I leave you with this image to reflect upon.



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**Now let your servant depart in peace.**

**Luke 2:29**

Kind regards,

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Principal