



It is with great sadness that we express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II and our thoughts and condolences go to her family at this very difficult time. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service.

St John's C.E Primary School will observe the mourning period but continue to support our pupils, families and staff. Unless otherwise stated, please assume scheduled activities and events we have planned will continue, along with remembering Her Majesty the Queen and exploring her work and life in our classes in an age appropriate way. We will observe the national holiday for Her Majesty's funeral when the date is released, which means school will be closed that day, but outside of this, school hours will continue as normal.

### ***Remembering Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II***

Today, in school we shared a special Collective Worship remembering her life and taking the opportunity to thank God for all she did to serve this country.

Queen Elizabeth II was the UK's longest-serving monarch. She came to the throne in 1952 and has served her country for 70 years, celebrating her Platinum Jubilee this year, 2022. The Queen has worked tirelessly for our country and in a speech on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday said:

*'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to service...  
God help me to make good my vow and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.'*

Queen Elizabeth influenced and inspired so many people across the world and used the gifts God gave her to make a truly positive contribution.

From Luke 2:29 'Now let your servant depart in **peace.**'

**Our Value this half term is Truthfulness: Please join us in looking out for any members of our community demonstrating truthfulness and living out this value.**

‘Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.’ (1 John 3:18)

## **Welcome Back**

It was lovely to see the children returning to school this week looking really smart. They have worked incredibly hard and we have all enjoyed a very busy first week. All of the children have started the new school year with much enthusiasm.

## **Attendance**

Please remember that school starts at 8.40am and registers close at 8.50am, anyone arriving after this will be marked as late. It is important to ensure your child(ren) arrive at school on time as they start learning as soon as they are in the classroom. Each week we monitor attendance and the top class in each key stage is announced in the newsletter. If your child is going to be absent from school please log it on ParentMail or ring the school office after 8am.

## **Year 5 Malvern Residential 26th-28<sup>th</sup> September**

If your child is going on the visit on the rearranged dates, and any of your details such as phone number or medication have changed, please could you email Mrs. Finlay with the updated information at [sfinlay@stjohns.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:sfinlay@stjohns.worcs.sch.uk) as soon as possible.

## **Year 6 Information Evening**

There will be an information evening for parents in the school hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6pm. This will provide you with some of the key dates in the year 6 calendar and other useful information about your child's final year at primary school.

## **Spelling Shed**

We are continuing to use Spelling Shed to support the teaching of spelling for years 1-6. All children should have a login to be able to access weekly spelling homework in a fun way. We ask parents and carers to encourage their children with learning their spellings. Weekly champions will be announced in the newsletter. Please contact your child's class teacher for login details if necessary.

## **School Uniform**

The children looked incredibly smart in their school uniform this week. Well done!

Please note that on PE days, children should wear their school jumper or cardigan with their PE kit. The full policy is available on our school website.

We do have range of quality cardigan and jumpers in school. If you would like one, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher.