

St. George's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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Dear parents

Today we have been reflecting on the life of Queen Elizabeth II following the sad announcement of her passing yesterday.

It's a very unusual time for us all and one where we are experiencing many different emotions for lots of different reasons.

Queen Elizabeth dedicated her life to serve the people and many of us have lived through some joyous celebrations. We all celebrated the long bank holiday weekend in June this year, with her Platinum Jubilee and some of you may be old enough, like me, to remember the celebrations of the Silver Jubilee!!!

Whatever your thoughts, most of us have only ever experienced Queen Elizabeth II as our reigning Monarch; life changed for us all yesterday.

The children have been taking time throughout the day to think out our Queen and her life of service. Some have watched the Newsround special broadcast – which is excellent – and the children's lunches were rearranged so we could watch the gun salute at 1.00 pm. We have also reflected on her life in assemblies today.

Miss Mawtus, and a fantastic group of helper in Y5, have set up a table of reflection in the school hall, with a Book of Condolences for children to record their thoughts and prayers for Her Majesty. We would love parents to come into the hall next week, when dropping off or picking up, and record their messages also; the children would love to see our community to be a part of this special time.

STAFFING

We have had a slightly bumpy start to the year with 5 staff being absent this week but we are getting there and hopefully we'll be back to normal on Monday.

I have today sent out a message to all our Year 3 parents to inform them that Miss Davies is not well enough to return to work at the moment, and is likely to be off until January. She has a rare medical condition and requires further tests. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and we pray she'll be well enough to return soon.

We took on some new TAs at the end of last term, as you'll be aware, but for everyone's clarity, I've attached a list below of all staff and their class within the school. This information is also on our school website and should be accurate as of Monday.

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CLASS	TEACHER	TEACHING ASSISTANT
Nursery	Miss J Murray (Mon, Tues, Wed <u>am</u>) Mrs G Ellison (Wed <u>pm</u> , Thurs, Fri)	Mrs C Cartwright Miss J Hopkinson
Reception	Miss G Orr	Miss A Daniels
Year 1	Mrs S Daly (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) Miss J Murray (Fri)	Miss B Heaton
Year 2	Miss S Mordaunt	Mrs P Airey Mrs A Evans (Mon, Thurs) Mrs J Sheppard (Tues, Wed)
Year 3	Miss K Hinchley (Mon) Miss H Leonard (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)	Miss A Kennedy
Year 4	Miss T Mawtus	Mrs A McKeown Mrs S Poulson
Year 5	Mrs J Ashcroft	Mrs C Tyrrell
Year 6	Mr S Dillon (Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri) Miss K Hinchley (Tues)	Mrs K Hulse
Whole School	Mrs D Davey – Whole school interventions (Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri)	

PE DAYS

All classes will have let children and parents know about the days that children need to come to school in their PE kits. If you are unsure, please check your child's class page on the school website.

THANK YOU

What a pleasure it was to have all the children back in school looking so smart and sharp! The school is so quiet over the holidays so it's always so nice to see and hear the children back after the summer break.

Huge thanks to all parents for ensuring that children are in the correct uniform. After our assemblies today, I could see a sea of red uniform and black shoes so we all really appreciate that.

UPDATE ON MR HUNTINGTON

Mr Huntington (Mr Roy) is doing well and is making progress on his treatment. Things are moving in the right direction and he's hoping to make steps at a return following the October half term. Thanks you for all your messages of support that we have been able to pass on.

THANKS TO MR MORRIS

No doubt you will have seen Mr Morris around the school opening the gates at 3.00. He stepped in in June to lend a hand with some of the jobs that were piling up in Mr Roy's absence. We can't thank him enough! He's been an absolute star over the summer holidays and performed wonders. He spent an entire week sanding back, sealing and varnishing the school hall floor with such precision. It looks like new – glossy and vibrant and a far cry from what we've seen before.

The school is looking clean and freshly painted; he's even had time to do some building and painting work in the EYFS areas outside. We are delighted he came and so thankful he wants to stay too!

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

In the next week, we hope to improve the information on our school website and are waiting for our official photographs to be sent over so we can really get the web pages up to date.

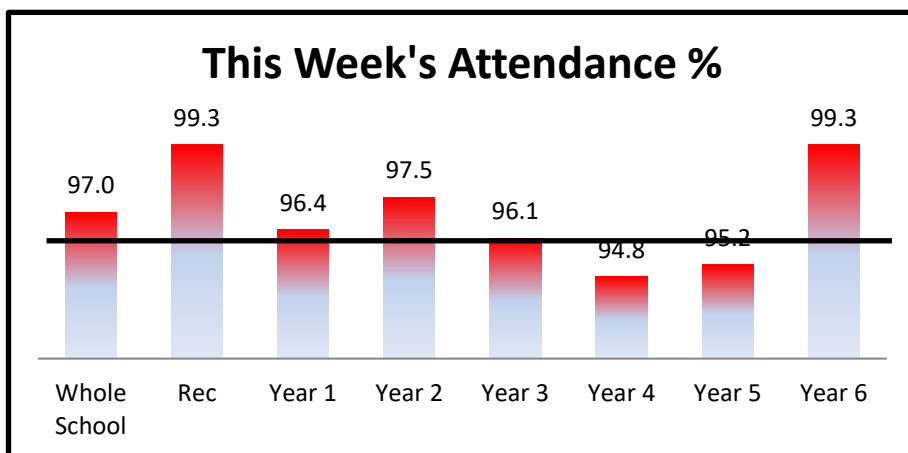
To support your child's learning at home, all our subject leaders will be uploading our school's Knowledge Organisers to the curriculum pages.

Parents will be able to click into each subject, find their child's class and term and download the knowledge organisers. These contain a summary of what the children will be learning about in that subject, with all their key knowledge and also key vocab. This is a great opportunity to pre-teach or just to help your child understand some of the topic vocab before the topic starts.

If you'd like to have a look at what they look like, please click onto 'Curriculum' and have a look in the SCIENCE section. We'll be uploading all areas and ensuring that each year group's curriculum map is updated for you to see the year ahead.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line.** Well done to Reception and Year 6- what an amazing result this week!



Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Mr P. Chapman
Headteacher