



St. George's CEP Newsletter

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'Bringing faith and education together'

Our value this term is RESPECT

Treat others as you want to be treated.

[Luke 6:31]

I was so pleased to welcome you, and our new families, back to our school. However, I'd like to apologise for not getting the first newsletter of the year out sooner but the sad loss of Queen Elizabeth II took precedence on usual practice.

At the start of the week, we all focused on the school's vision 'Bringing Faith & Education Together' and our school values.

Our aim is to value each pupil as an individual and ensure that they reach their full potential by *'letting their light shine'* (Matthew 5:16) through our Christian Values of Respect, Honesty, Courage, Kindness, Forgiveness and Hope" therefore *'Bringing Faith and Education Together'*



We thread our vision and values through all that we do at St George's from how we celebrate learning, how our curriculum is designed to opportunities we want to offer to our children to make them real world learners. We will share more about this as we move through the school year.

As our week went on, we were to learn the sad news about the peaceful passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. On Friday we gathered together in worship and shared moments together of her incredible life. The children could see links between our school values that were lived through every aspect of her incredible reign.

Respect Courage Kindness Forgiveness Hope Honesty

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We are now in a period of mourning where our school will remain open. During this time our school will lower it's flag to half-mast and during the Year 5 Bible Service observe 70 seconds of silence to mark the length of her reign.

We will be announcing Year 6 roles promoting pupil responsibilities as well as welcoming our new Oak Class starters as we also welcome a new King.

In some lessons and through our worships we will reflect on her legacy and how this is relevant to our lives today. We asked the children...

Can you imagine always having to be on your best behaviour?

Can you imagine always being in the public eye, and always having to live up to huge expectations while remaining graceful and dignified?

Can you imagine keeping complete control of your emotions while at the same time appearing sympathetic and understanding?

Can you imagine appearing calm in the face of every situation and demonstrating kindness and patience at all times?

But we also shared her sense of fun and humour and none seen more than the children's favourite – tea with Paddington Bear!



Dear Lord,

We thank you for the Queen and all that her life meant to us.

We thank you for all she has done for the United Kingdom, our extended family in the Commonwealth and elsewhere in the world.

Please help us to learn from her example of self-control, discipline and service to others.

May we learn to put other people's needs ahead of our own.

Amen

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