



# St Luke's News

A Christian school that serves a diverse community and works in partnership with parents to develop the whole child.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

*The news came fast on Thursday announcing the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and almost as quickly, people started to think about her and the effect she has had on this country.*



**W**e cancelled our planned Golden Assembly and instead held a service to mark her passing in which we attempted to explain to the children the concept of a *week of mourning*. We talked about this period of sadness and confusion eventually giving way to clear reflections about how the Queen conducted herself and how she served her country. None of us knew her but I can share two thoughts I had: firstly, I would not have wanted to swap places with her despite all her wealth and status because she had to live so many of her days in the glare of the media and the public. And secondly, I am not sure anyone could have done her job better – the way she dealt with triumph and disaster and always ‘served’ was truly inspirational.

A fact you might not know is that St. Luke's Church, who we share the building with, are under direct Crown patronage. This means that when a new Vicar is appointed it is the Queen/King who directly signs the document approving the appointment, so Rev. Amy was officially appointed by the Queen and that links our Church with her memory forever!



The Coronation 1953



Army driver in WW2

Next week will see us move on from the shock of death to the celebration of life and the impact she had not only on this country but the other countries that she was the direct monarch of and those she led in the Commonwealth.

Also the children will look at her family role and start to learn about the New King, Charles III.

The Church will be leading the community in reflections about the passing of the Queen and they have already opened up a book of condolences (see below), this will live in the chapel but will be placed outdoors at the front of the school every morning (Mon-Thurs, 8.30-8.45) if you would like to write a message in it. The Church bell was also rung 96 times, one for each year of her life.

**I think that through all the sadness and uncertainty something like this causes we should also remember that she led a good life, inspired many and was loved as evidenced by our own recent Jubilee celebrations.**



A Mum, Grandmother & Great Grandmother



**HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II**  
1926-2022

## Meet the Teacher

I had intended to include a diary of upcoming events and photos from the planned Golden Assembly but we have decided to keep the newsletter very simple this week. Next week I will include a link to the term dates, upcoming events and give you some more important information for the year. The only date I want to give you today is to remind you that ***next Monday (Y3,4,5 & 6) and Tuesday (Y1&2) you (as parents) are invited to come in and meet your teacher and headteacher from 9-9.40am.*** For the first 15 minutes I will address the parents in the hall and then you will go to your child's class and they will come to me in the hall and you will hear from their teacher how we can work closely together to help your children reach their full potential – I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

And finally, it has come to my attention that a man with black hair has been hanging around the park behind the school and making some families feel uncomfortable. The local Police have been informed but please be vigilant.

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

