



Be the best you can be!

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is with sadness that Buckingham Palace announced the death of Her Majesty the Queen yesterday evening.

At Bush Hill Park Primary School, we have marked this sad and historic occasion with a whole school assembly during which we gave thanks for the life in service that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth gave. There were also some age-appropriate discussions in classes about what has happened. The assembly also commemorated and celebrated a truly remarkable life. A stateswoman of dignity, humility and compassion. In many ways she epitomised every one of our school values or respect, responsibility and resilience.

We know that the children and that all of us will react in different ways to the news that broke yesterday of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Whether you are a royalist or not it is hard not to feel something, as a constant in all of our lives in no longer present and anyone who has given 70 years of service does warrant some consideration and respect.

Many of the children will have come to school today wanting to talk to someone and share how they are feeling, or to ask questions about what has happened and what will happen now and in the future. For others, it may have reminded them of a loss or sadness in their own lives. For some it will have very little impact.

I want to reassure you that we are aware of the range of emotions that there will be and that we will do all that we can to listen to the children with patience and care and to answer their questions with honesty and as much thought and sensitivity as possible.

I shall leave you with a quote from her coronation speech:

"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great family of nations to which we all belong. I have in sincerity pledged myself to your service, as so many of you are pledged to mine. Throughout all my life and with all my heart I shall strive to be worthy of your trust."

With warm wishes

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