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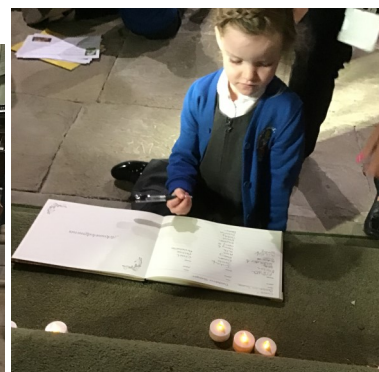
Headteacher Mrs Nicola Dobson

*'To love, live and learn together'*

Newsletter Friday 16th September 2022 Our Christian value this half term is 'Respect'

### Giving thanks for the life and service of Queen Elizabeth 11

All our classes have visited St Mary's Church this week to sign the Book of Condolence for the Queen. The children have appreciated reflecting quietly on her legacy of love, service and kindness to others. Each class has responded in age appropriate ways; writing prayers, poetry and art work, sharing thoughts and asking questions. All of this has been done with a positive focus on thanksgiving for her inspirational life and care and concern for the Royal Family and all those who may be sad. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. We have remembered fondly our Jubilee Celebrations in June, the special tree we planted and the book about the Queen each child received. We smiled when we watched Paddington and the Queen. The Church remains open each day and you are welcome to visit and sign the book. **Pictured below are the children at St Mary's Church.**





School will be closed on Monday for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth 11. We return to school on Tuesday. Please wear PE kits as normal.

**Letters home in bags this week.** Children have taken home generic consent for school visit forms.

**Diary Dates for the term and school holiday dates were sent home in bags last week.**

**Year 1 and 2 Multiskills at Richmond School on Wednesday 28th September.** Children have letters and consent slips in their bags for this today.

**After School Clubs** Children from Y1 to Y6 made a great start with these last week. These run as normal next week. **Please note that all after school clubs finish at 4.15pm.**

**Flu Immunisation for all children** This will be offered in school on Thursday 13th October to all children providing you complete the consent form emailed to you by Mrs Newton this week. Please ask if you need help.

**Isaac's Bike Fund Thank you.** Another huge thank you to everyone both in school and the wider community who made such generous contributions. The fund has met its target and donations are being finalised. Once this is done the final total will be shared with you. Isaac's family would like to organise a community bike ride with refreshments back at school as a thank you. This will probably be in the Spring. Isaac has been able to order a specially powered cycle which still allows him to use one good leg. The bike will take at least 10 weeks to arrive. Isaac is pictured below trying out a similar bike. He is hoping for a blue one!



**Friends of School** invite all parents and friends of school to their first meeting of term. This will be held in school next Wednesday 21st September at 7pm. Everyone is very welcome. We will discuss and plan social and fund raising activities to enhance the life of our school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

**Please see highlights and learning in each class this week on the next pages.**

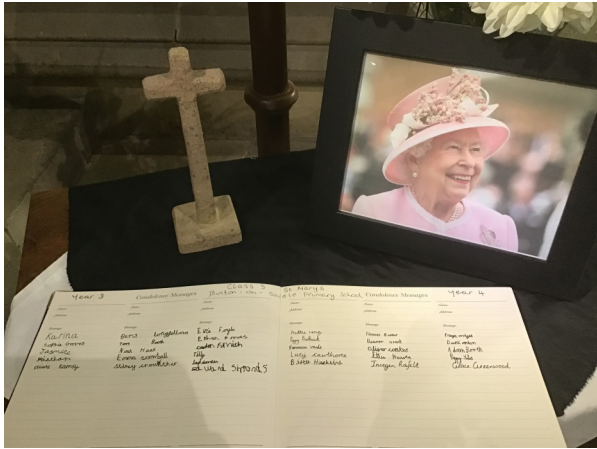
**This week in Class 1** Mrs Reynolds has been delighted with all the hard work in Class 1 this week. Congratulations to our Reception children who have completed their first full week in school. Everyone has enjoyed our PE lessons this week which have focussed on a variety of skills needed for different sports. We have all loved our school lunches. Reception children have learnt number rhymes and Year 1 children have revisited their number formations and counting patterns. We have focussed on the life of Queen Elizabeth and Year 1 children have written thoughtful prayers which they shared on our visit to St Mary's Church. We all signed the Book of Condolence. Reception children enjoyed meeting their Year 6 buddies today.



**This week in Class 2** Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Dutton have been very impressed with their brilliant attitude to all their work. In RE we have written reflections on the life of Queen Elizabeth 11 which we shared on our visit to church to sign the Book of Condolence. In English we have started work on our All About Me information texts. In Maths we have focussed on number and place value. In Science we have described how animals change as they grow, In computing we have thought about rules to use IT safely. We all enjoyed our PE , learning skills linked to hockey and other sports.



**This week in Class 3** Mrs Wright has noticed your hard work and kind and caring attitude. We are enjoying our new History topic linked to the Stone age and our English text, 'Stone age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. In Maths we are focussing on number and place value. In our Science topic, Electricity, we have identified appliances which use battery and mains power. We enjoyed our PE lessons linked to football skills. We have written prayers to give thanks for the life of the Queen and appreciated our visit to church. A highlight of our week was our first music lesson with our violin or cello.



**This week in Class 4** Mr Ramsbottom has noticed all your sustained hard work and the quality of the homework you have completed. In English we have focussed on rich vocabulary for our poem about the Queen's reign, her life and her legacy. We valued our visit to Church to share these poems and to sign the Book of Condolence. In our RE work we have discussed the nature of God and considered the meaning of terms such as: atheist, theist and agnostic. In PE we have developed our understanding of the principles of a warm-up. Year 6 have met their Reception buddies and worked hard to help them settle into school.



**Class 4** are also doing a great job supporting many of our after school clubs. Pictured below are **Class 4 Eco Leaders** with our Eco Team.

