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Newsletter

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Dear parents, carers and pupils

Welcome back to another year at The Whitehouse. I hope that you all enjoyed the summer and managed to get out in the sunshine and have fun. It is lovely to see all of the pupils settling back into school life and enjoying building positive relationships with peers and staff in their new classes. The children all look very smart in their new uniforms.

As we celebrate the start of the new academic year it has been tinged with great sadness as we heard the news yesterday of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. She reigned with dignity and pride over us for 70 years and will be sadly missed by the nation. She stood for all that is great in Britain and we as a school support those fundamental British values of tolerance no matter your colour, religion, age or ability and mutual respect. For most of us she is the only monarch we have ever known. We know her not just for her public duties but as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her life has been documented through new bulletins, in television programmes and many films over the years so as a nation we feel we truly knew her. She touched our hearts and we shall mourn her passing.

It is only a few short months ago that as a school community we all joined together for a family picnic to celebrate her great reign at her platinum jubilee. It was a lovely celebration and the commemorative mugs and books are a lasting memento.

The Palace website has lots of information and photographs that you may want to look at with your children if they are worried or upset or if they are interested or inquisitive. The link is below.

[The Royal Family](#)

As a school we will continue to be supportive and reassuring of all pupils and staff. As a mark of respect our school will be closed on Monday 19th September as a national bank holiday.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the royal family at this time.

If you need anything please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Jake Thompson

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