



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents,

Due to the announcement of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, the planned newsletter for this week has been modified and instead will be sent next week. At the point of writing this letter, schools have not been advised about any further arrangements. We expect further guidance from the Government on the arrangements for the National Day of Mourning and State funeral.

As I come to the end of my first week at St Christopher's, I can confidently report it has been an absolute joy to meet pupils, staff and so many parents over the week. As ever, the week has been filled with irresistible learning opportunities for children, with dinosaurs taking over the classrooms in Reception, to visiting the Toy Museum in Year One and meeting Paddington in Year Two.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the parent information meetings this week. The successful relationship we have with our parents is crucial in supporting all our pupils to reach their full potential. For those parents who were not able to attend, we will be sending out the PowerPoints for your information.

I am pleased to be able to welcome Dominic Roberts as our new Chair of Governors, as Kirsty Park has stepped down at the end of last year. I was delighted to welcome governors to our staff training day last Friday where we worked on reviewing our school aims, values and ethos. These will be sent out to parents next week.

As the week ended with the news that the Queen had passed away, we came together as a school to mark this sad and historic occasion. The children reflected beautifully upon the death of Queen Elizabeth this morning. They spoke warmly of "Our Queen" and shared their thoughts on how she had "died peacefully, holding someone's hand." We also talked about the new King and the Queen's many achievements, including having been trained to be a mechanic in World War II. We ended our assembly with the Queen's own words to "try our best everyday".

With best wishes,

Bronia Grehan

Headteacher