

# Bishop Chavasse News

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

## Newsletter

Welcome back! With thanks to FOBCS, we were able to mark the start of the new school year spectacularly with our inaugural Dragon Boat Race last weekend. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our team, your encouragement was much needed. More information on this great event can be found on our website [here](#). In school too we have had a good start to this new year and the children have come back with enthusiasm and positivity. We would like to say a very warm welcome to our new families and to our new staff members. Our new Head of School, Mrs Hood, with whom many of you are already acquainted, has been out on the gates meeting families every day and we have enjoyed welcoming parents to our 'Meet the Teacher' mornings.

This week the classes have been finding out about their new learning journeys and getting to grips with their new year groups. Information about what the year groups have been up to can be found on our website here [Class Pages | Bishop Chavasse Church of England Primary School \(bishophavassesschool.org.uk\)](#).

This week, as a mark of respect, our newsletter looks a little different. In light of the sad news of the death of our long-reigning monarch, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, we dedicate this week's newsletter to HM Queen Elizabeth II.



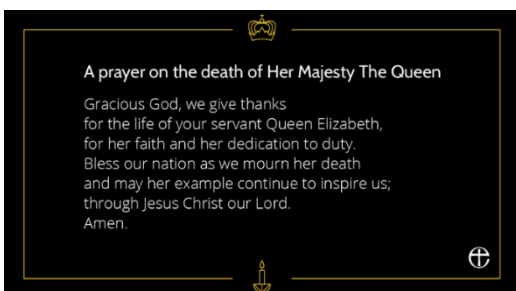
On Friday, the children and staff had space away from our planned timetable to take time to reflect, discuss and pray about what this significant occasion means for our country and for us as individuals.

The Queen has led our country for 70 years, an occasion marked at the end of last term with the Platinum Jubilee. Her life, underpinned by her Christian faith, was spent serving our country like no other. She is an example to us all and she will be very much missed.



If families would like support on how to talk to your children about the events of this week and the nation's response to the news advice and support can be found from a number of charities and organisations.

- The Good Grief Trust - [thegoodgrieftrust.org](http://thegoodgrieftrust.org)
- Winston's Wish - Free national helpline on 08088 020 021 - [winstonswish.org](http://winstonswish.org)
- Grief Encounter - Free helpline: 0808 802 0111 - [griefencounter.org.uk](http://griefencounter.org.uk)
- Bereavement Trust - Free helpline: 0800 435 455 - [bereavement-trust.org.uk](http://bereavement-trust.org.uk)



### A prayer on the death of Her Majesty The Queen

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, said this evening:

Thanks be to God for the life of his servant, Queen Elizabeth II.

**Her death is a moment of bereavement for the whole nation, and for the Commonwealth. She will remain in our hearts and minds as an exceptional example of public duty and commitment to her high calling, carried out with unswerving faith in God. Let us come together as a nation to mark her death with dignity and pride.**

Our prayers are with those who have been close to her in the service of the crown over many years, together with all the members of the Royal Family as we pray for the new Sovereign, King Charles.

+Martin

Next week our whole school newsletter will return to reporting full whole-school news. In the meantime, please find year group news, including 'Meet the Teacher' presentations here [Class Pages | Bishop Chavasse Church of England Primary School \(bishophavassesschool.org.uk\)](#) news on the Dragon Boat Race [here](#) and upcoming dates and events [here](#). Have a good, peaceful weekend.