

Executive Headteacher: Ms Sarah Jane Bellerby

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Dear families,

Re: Death of Her Majesty The Queen

I am sure you have all been met with great sadness at the news that Her Majesty The Queen died yesterday.

Queen Elizabeth was one of the very great women of our time and her achievements as a leader and figurehead are remarkable. We will miss her presence in our national life very much.

We have now entered a national period of mourning. We will await guidance over the coming days from the government and will update you as soon as we hear about future events.

I think it's important that we acknowledge the passing of The Queen at Mulberry Wood Wharf with an age-appropriate approach, not only for the respect for the many generations The Queen has served but also for the pupils in our school who will undoubtedly be affected by this news in some way or another.

Lindsay and Anita will hold a short carpet session today, this will be very much a celebration of The Queen's reign and all she has achieved. Over the coming weeks we would like to welcome children to bring in photographs of their recent experience from the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. You may want to write a recount of an experience or a memory involving the Queen that is pertinent to your family.

When a significant figure dies and the country goes into national mourning our own sense of grief and loss can be triggered. If you have been impacted by this news or would like some help talking to your child about death, please contact myself or Anita on the details above, we can direct you to some local support.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Jane Bellerby
Executive Headteacher