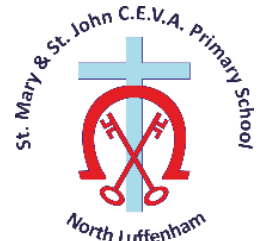


SMSJ News

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Portrait by Darcey Daw

Good afternoon everyone,

'Expect the unexpected'. Of course, we all knew this sad day would come, just not when. Now it has arrived, it has certainly rocked the nation with ripples stretching right across the world. We pray for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and send our deepest condolences to the Royal Family. We also pray for King Charles III as he starts his reign as our Head of State and Head of The Church of England at this difficult time.

there is an air of respectful solemnity around school today as I write. We started the day with a Collective Worship provided for primary schools by The Church of England. Whilst the media and church will have had had resources ready and waiting for this sad but inevitable day, it is not something they teach you to deal with at 'Headteacher School'! We met at 9am. Some of our Year 6s shared reflective and heartfelt prayers they had written on arrival at 8.45am. They were very moving and very beautiful. I was moved, as those of you who know me well would not be surprised to learn! An official book of condolence has been opened in our church, St John's. The church is open during the daytime.

The Dean of Peterborough, the Very Revd Christopher Dalliston, said:

"The Chapter and community of Peterborough Cathedral share the deep sadness of the entire nation at the death of our longest reigning and deeply loved Queen.

Her Majesty's extraordinary record of dedication and unparalleled service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, founded on and sustained by her strong Christian faith, has been a source of inspiration and encouragement to millions of people, and a symbol of identity and continuity in times of rapid change.

We were so proud and delighted to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee just a few months ago; we now pray that she may rest in peace and rise in glory."

On a lighter and much happier note, it has been wonderful to see the children settling into their new classes and especially our Reception Class settling so well into 'big school'. We have visibly watched them getting more tired as the week has gone on, however. Next week they will experience being in fulltime. There are a lot of tired children (and staff too!) as we all adjust to the rhythms and routines of school life again after the summer break.

The classes have been busy electing their School Councillors for this year, along with other leadership roles. All of our Year 6 pupils take on a leadership role in this, their final year at primary school. I look forward to working with all of them throughout the year and achieving great things! This week, I am delighted to announce our House Captains for the year:

From L-R. Gwash: James Pridmore and Millie Dodson;
Welland: Sam Conlon and Amy Renner; Chater: Freddie Jones and Abigail Lakin.



Parents, can I please ask you not park in the staff car park, especially when using breakfast club and sandwich club. Also, if parking in the lane, please be aware that staff have to park there too and they are arriving just after 8am. We had one parent shaking their head at a member of staff trying to park, this week! Staff are coming and going at these times. Please also escort your child to the door at breakfast club to ensure they are safely inside before you leave. You need to be sure that Miss Moody is there.

As we start a period of National Mourning until the end of the day of the State Funeral, there will not be a celebration assembly next Friday 16 September either.

May I extend our first invitation to you to visit your child/ren's new classroom and meet their new teacher. We are holding an open classroom on Friday 23 September from 3pm in place of our usual Celebration Assembly. We hope you will be able to pop in and allow your child to show you around their classroom.

Our first Friday Celebration Assembly will be on Friday 30 September at 2.45pm.

Wishing you all a peaceful and reflective weekend with your families.



A very Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays over the coming week.

Theo Welbourn
Theodore Tsopanoglou
Darcey Daw
Seren Askham
Charlie Jones.

And a belated Happy Birthday to those who have celebrated since the start of term.

Vinnie Atkins
Cora Wilkins
Joshua Adams
Otis Acott-Smith





ALSO...

Term 1 PFA
planning meeting
Wednesday 14th September
@ 8.30pm online Teams
Parents welcome to join
Let class rep know

2021 / 2022
St Mary & St John
Primary School
PEA

AGM

Thursday 6th October
7.30pm School Hall & online via Teams

All welcome

Please let your class rep know if you can
come (in person or online) and we will see you there!