

# Weekly Word

16/09/2022

To all Parents/Carers

It has been a solemn and reflective few days in school this week since the extremely sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the children have been taking their time to process what has happened.

With her death being part of lots of conversations, all over the news, including Newsround, and lots of other media outlets, it's been difficult for the children, and all of us, to focus on much else. The children have been asking lots of questions and for some, sadly, it has reminded them of personal grief that they may have experienced. As I said earlier in the week, if you feel that your child(ren) may need a little bit of help or someone to talk to then please let us know. We have lots of resources and highly trained staff to help and support if needed.

The assembly the children attended last Friday was recognition of what had happened and a chance to celebrate a quite extraordinary life of service. Today and next week, in contrast, will be a chance for your child to pay their respects in their own private way.

Top left, in remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II, we have planted an Autumn Blaze American Acer tree. At the moment its leaves are green but in the Winter they turn red and remain all the way through to Spring.

We have decided to plant it at the centre of our sensory garden so children can take a moment of reflection as they walk along the path then arrive at the end and see the tree. Next week we will be picking a few condolence message or poems from the children and having them put on a special plaque. Bottom left you can see the children in the sensory garden delivering their special messages. The children, as I wholly expected, were so peaceful and respectful throughout the entire experience and they are invited to go whenever they want to.

In other news, one of our targets this year is attendance. On Twitter, on the Weekly Word and outside by the main gates we will be advertising the attendance for each week and which class has the highest percentage. At the end of each half term there will also be stickers, badges and prizes for children with high attendance.

Just a quick reminder that we are closed next Monday and back open again on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Have a restful weekend**  
**Mr I. Johnson**

**This week's attendance is 97.4%. Our target for the year is: 97%**  
**The year group(s) with the highest attendance is/are: Y6 and Y1 who both had 99%!!**

