



Upton Primary Newsletter

Upton upon Severn CofE Primary, Nursery and Pre School and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre, working together to support the local community



Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives
'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'
'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. *Philippians 4:13*

16th September 2022

BIBLE QUOTES

John 16:22 - So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you

IN COMMEMORATION OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II 21/04/1926 - 08/09/2022

The Governing Body, the Headteacher Mrs Julie Wills and the staff of Upton upon Severn CofE Primary and Pre School would like to extend their condolences to the Royal family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family at this very sad time. They are having to manage the emotional impact of losing their beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother but also managing the significant situation of the change in monarchy and all the formality this entails. As a church school we are ensuring that our children are aware that the Queen was also the head of the Church of England, the official title being: 'Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England'. These titles date back to the reign of King Henry VIII, who was initially granted the title 'Defender of the Faith' in 1521 by Pope Leo X.

Throughout the week we have held special worship assemblies where we have remembered the Queen and we have spoken about the funeral as being a celebration of the most remarkable life of our Queen who reigned as our monarch for over 70 years. When she became Queen, Queen Elizabeth II used some very special words to reflect her deeply rooted Christianity. In worship we reflected on these and used them for a prayer:

*For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the prince of peace, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life.
A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing.*

As an entire school community unified in our sorrow at the passing of the Queen, we have created a condolences newsletter and below are some of the very moving words that our community have sent into school this week. We are going to create a time capsule and The Friends are donating to us a Queen Elizabeth rose to commemorate this unique moment in history. Should you wish to send any words after today please do so to the 'office@' email and we will update the newsletter prior to it being put into the time capsule.

FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II

"We thank you for the 70 years' service you have given to our country, you dedicated your life and done yourself proud. The world feels a little bit strange currently but I'm sure within time the King will shine and follow in your magnificent footsteps to dedicate the country. May you rest in peace with your beloved husband. Again, thank you Ma'am."

"I am honoured to have lived in a period when Queen Elizabeth reigned. We may never again see such a woman who led with strength and compassion and dedicated her life to her people. My thoughts are with her family."

"The sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II brings to an end an extraordinary and selfless life of service and devotion the likes of which we shall not see again. She was an inspiration, a role model and familiar like a family member. Thank you for your commitment to our country and your sense of duty to us as people. God Bless you Ma'am, rest in peace."

"You served our country for many years, may you now rest in peace."

"Thank you for being there when times were good. Thank you for being there when times were hard. Linking all the generations together in our shared grief. You will always be our Queen. Thank you for everything. Rest easy now with your Prince."

"Our deepest condolences to the Royal Family during this difficult time. Rest in Peace Elizabeth II. Thank you for your service to our country. With love."

"Thank you for all you have done throughout your reign, you have been strong, stable and consistent throughout our lives, we may have many changes ahead, but we hope your legacy lives on. Thank you, your majesty."

"Feeling so blessed and thankful to have been alive under the servant leadership of Queen Elizabeth. She **was** superhuman because she relied on and used the superhuman power of Jesus, and she wasn't afraid to talk about this. Every Christmas, and many other times too. She'd want us to know again that we too can rely on the same power and friendship."

"Our Queen was an inspirational leader; a woman of deep integrity, sacrificial service and love; a true world changer. Everything she stood for made our country and commonwealth great. May her values live on in the hearts and lives of many. Rest peacefully ma'am."

"Thank you for the dedication, compassion, wisdom and grace you have shown to so many. Your example is an inspiration to us all."

"Offering our sincere condolences on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. What an amazing example of reliability, dedication, constancy, self discipline, serving others and living one's potential she has been."

"Dear HM Queen Elizabeth, We want to thank you for all of the hard work, service and dedication you have given to our nation and the commonwealth. Your selfless commitment has been the stability and strength of our country for over 70 years, for most people's lives. We wish your family and the new King all the support, may you rest in peace with your husband and mum and dad. Hard to imagine life without you, long live the King and the monarchy that makes Britain great."

"Grief is the price we pay for love, thank you for your unwavering duty to our country. May you rest in peace."

"Dear Ma'am, Thank you for your amazing lifetime of service and kindness. We would also like to thank you for connecting with our children through your brilliant sketch with Paddington during your Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. We know your memory will sparkle and live on through the younger generations because of this. Rest in Peace."

"During her 70 years of reign, Queen Elizabeth II supported peace and freedom throughout the world and the people of Ukraine hold a special memory of their "true friend", Queen Elizabeth II."

*The nations strength
and stay*



**OUR QUEEN FROM FEBRUARY 1952 TO SEPTEMBER 2022
A HISTORIC REIGN OVER 70 YEARS
REACHING THE PLATINUM JUBILEE IN JUNE 2022**

LONG LIVE THE KING