



## ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Shining with God's love, pride and success*

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**Newsletter 9th September 2022**



Dear Parent / Guardian,

It is with deep sadness that our first newsletter of the new school year is written in tribute to Queen Elizabeth II. In Assembly this morning, our worship reflected the mood of the nation and the children were shown pictures and given a brief story of her life. We also shared a beautiful prayer from the Diocese of Lancaster.

Schools now await direction from the Department for Education on measures which should be taken during the period of mourning into which we have entered.

Currently, schools have been asked to remain open. We have already taken our own decision to mark the historic event by placing Photographs of the Queen draped in purple and will open a little memorial in our Peace garden. The centre piece of the display in the garden will be a book of condolence, which we invite staff, parents and pupils to sign ( weather dependant.) If the weather is wet then the book will be available to sign in the entrance foyer.

Today the staff had a very important role to play in reassuring our children about death and loss and supporting them through this difficult time. We will remember the Queen for her dedication to duty, her commitment to public service and devotion to the people of this country and the wider commonwealth.

Our thoughts are with the King, the Queen consort and the wider Royal family..

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Amanda Rich

Please Note—Instead of laying flowers in the peace garden. We are intending to fill our wooden planters with flowering shrubs in memory of the Queen . Please feel free to contribute.



We will be holding our 'Meet the teacher' meetings starting from next week. This is a chance to get to know your child's class teacher and ask any questions you may have. These will last approximately 30 mins. The purpose of the meetings are to introduce you to what the year will look like for your child, include what they will be learning and how you can help them at home. Please do try and attend.

If possible please can we ask that no children attend the meeting. There will be supervised activities available in the breakfast club room if childcare is needed.

Monday 12th September—Y3 Mrs Milne and Mr Birchall

Tuesday 13th September –Y4 Miss Martin

Wednesday 14th September –Y2 Ms Harrison and Mrs Drummond

Thursday 15th September—Y5 Miss Seefus

Tuesday 20th September—Y1 Mrs Speight

Wednesday 21st September –Reception Mrs Sergeant and Y6 Mrs Bailey and Mrs Holt

Please see below a letter from our Chair of Governors.

Dear Parents,

I Would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governing body and wish everyone a large welcome back to school following the summer break.

I would like to especially give a warm welcome to our new children & families who have now joined the SMG family. I am sure the children will quickly settle in to school life and enjoy their time over this school year.

Again a sincere thank you in advance for your ongoing encouragement and support you give to your children as well as the school to which you do so admirably.

I Would also like to welcome back all of the school staff. I am looking forward once again to seeing the new learning and being part of what is planned for this academic year.

Should you wish to contact me I can be reached by either via the school office or direct

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Best Regards,

*Chris Wilson*