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Dear parent/carer,

It is with great sadness that we all learnt of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II yesterday evening.

Just a few short months ago, we joined together to celebrate in so many different ways with so many different people, a remarkable Queen, leader, role model, figurehead, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and human being; and also someone who has been a constant in all of our lives.

Her passing will be marked, and her life celebrated, in our lovely school and across our whole Trust family. In school, we have been sharing memories and will continue to talk with the children about Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and learn more about her incredible reign, and life, remembering her as the longest-serving and possibly the greatest monarch in the very long history of our nation.

As a very proud Christian school, we also mourn the passing of the Head of the Church of England, and a lady who has overseen great change in the Church and remained resolute, humble, devoted, and with the strongest of faith.

Earlier this week here at St. Werburgh's C.E. Primary, we were immensely proud to share with the whole school a letter of thanks sent on behalf of The Queen to last year's Year 2 class, who sent Her Majesty letters and pictures of congratulations on the event of her Platinum Jubilee.

Queen Elizabeth II is the longest serving monarch of our country and is the only monarch that the vast majority of us have ever known, and we join so many of you in being touched by the sadness of this loss but celebrate the amazing dedication and achievements of her long life, service and reign. The world has changed so much over the last seventy years, and Her Majesty has adapted to this and led us to exciting new advancements and through difficult times with care, strength and hope.

The Queen has been a wonderful example to many of us in our nation, across the Commonwealth, and in the wider world, in countless different ways for more than 70 years.

We send the love, thoughts and prayers of our Trust family to King Charles III and his family at this time of such sadness.

## God Bless The Queen

