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Dear Parents/Carers

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I am writing to acknowledge the passing of Her Majesty the Queen yesterday and to let you know that the St Luke's community feel great sorrow regarding this sad news. We are thinking of the Royal family at what must be a very difficult time for them. Queen Elizabeth really was an incredible woman, the longest reigning monarch this country has ever had and in fact the second longest in world history! At the age of 21 in 1947 she made a promise to the people of Britain and The Commonwealth. The promise was:

'my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service'. She kept that promise right to the end.

At school today we have been remembering the Queen during Tutor times and in conversations during lessons and at break times.

Next week we will be celebrating the long life of the monarch in a variety of ways starting with focused assemblies for each year group. As we reflect on the events which took place in her lifetime, we will remember how she always appeared during difficult events providing steadiness and a constant source of comfort and guidance during her long reign of over 70 years. She always maintained dignity and a consistent 'keep calm and carry-on' attitude alongside a steadfast and unflappable work ethic.

We will also remember that she was human, a great family person, a mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt, how she loved animals, especially Horses and Corgis. She always brought a flash of colour to State occasions in her choice of outfits and wonderful hats.

At St Luke's, we pride ourselves in our school values of: Kindness, Respect and Perseverance and the Queen was a shining example of all of these.

Our students have behaved with kindness and respect today reflecting our values as we knew they would and as a Principal I respect them for this and feel very proud of them.

Kind regards

Mrs J Buckingham  
Principal



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