



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Sunday 11th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: The Passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II – Arrangements

On behalf of everyone in our Wadham community I am writing to express our deepest sympathies at the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Pledging her life to our service, we give thanks for her unswerving dedication to the people, here in the United Kingdom, and abroad in the territories and realms that form our Commonwealth.

Her reign of over 70 years stands unparalleled - her sense of duty throughout an example to us all.

We are now in a period of national mourning. As we wait for further arrangements and events to unfold, let us simply reflect and give thanks for the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II.

"Merciful God, we thank you for the life of your faithful follower, Her Majesty the Queen, who led our nation with grace, faithfulness, and honour.

May her example be a guide to us all who wish to walk in love and kindness.

Amen."

And, to quote from Paddington Bear's official twitter account, using words from the Jubilee tea party:

'Thank you, Ma'am, for everything.'

We have opened a book of condolence at Wadham School, which students and staff will be adding to throughout the week ahead. Parents and Carers are very welcome to sign this book also, please visit Reception where the book will be made available to you.

The State Funeral has been set for Monday 19th September, with confirmation that this will be a Bank Holiday. This means that Wadham School will be closed to everyone and re-open again on Tuesday 20th September.

As a mark of respect, we have taken the decision to postpone our Awards Evening on Thursday 15th September, with a view to holding this celebration event towards the end of the Autumn term. Further information will be published in due course.

In the meantime, I know that we will continue to support each other as life goes on. Do not hesitate in contacting me if I, or any member of staff here at Wadham, can help.

With all good wishes,

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