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# ST ETHELWOLD'S VA SCHOOL



Good afternoon and welcome to your weekly newsletter.

This week's message is a break from our traditional newsletter as we contemplate and reflect on the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We held a whole school service this afternoon where one of our pupils read the following:

'Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest-serving monarch, has died at Balmoral aged 96, after reigning for 70 years.

She died peacefully on Thursday afternoon at her Scottish estate, where she had spent much of the summer.

The Queen came to the throne in 1952 and witnessed enormous social change.

Her son King Charles III said the death of his beloved mother was a "moment of great sadness" for him and his family and that her loss would be "deeply felt" around the world. He said: "We mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished sovereign and a much-loved mother."

Her reign spanned 15 prime ministers starting with Winston Churchill, born in 1874, and including Ms Truss, born 101 years later in 1975.'

We followed that by watching a short video of her life and work and then a further pupil read the following:

'Since yesterday there has been so much change and one of those changes is that we now have a King - King Charles III.

He will be the first King Charles since Charles II in 1685.

Whilst we look forward to his reign, we are going to spend 2 quiet minutes and reflect on the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The children observed beautifully the two minutes of quiet time after which we said our prayers and left the hall.

You can all be very proud of the respect your children paid to the very sad news of yesterday and be assured that they are growing into kind and caring members of the community.