



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

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Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

I am writing to you following the death yesterday of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and how the School will operate during the national days of mourning. We offer our sincere condolences to the Royal Family and our initial response is to open a digital book of condolence for Her Majesty, which we will share with King Charles III. Please follow the [link](#) to share your thoughts here. We will be compiling a book of condolence for our children which will also be shared with the Royal Family.

I received guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) last night which stated "Schools and Further Education settings should remain open" and that "Education and childcare settings may want to consider conducting special activities, holding assemblies or adapting planned lessons to reflect the period of national mourning and commemorate the life of Her Majesty".

Today, I have held assemblies with the children and had moments of reflection, for children and staff, plus shared a poem alongside the BBC Newsround video of 8th September, 2022.

During the period of national mourning, initially, our Teachers will focus aspects of learning on the legacy of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and also learn more about our new Majesty, King Charles III. I am sure that staff will share some the learning activities with you via ClassDojo.

I have paused sending our weekly newsletter as I am waiting for further information from the Government before I share future School events and dates with you all.

Our heartfelt sympathies and thoughts are with the Royal Family as they adjust to the death of their dear family member at this time of sadness and inevitable change.

Yours sincerely,

DJ Hines

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