

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with sadness that Buckingham Palace announced yesterday the death of Her Majesty The Queen.

We have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. Following Government guidance all Trust schools will remain open and normal attendance is expected. We will continue to follow Department for Education guidance in the coming weeks and will keep you informed.'

We have had lots of exciting learning across the school this week, and I have been focusing on supporting children with their attitudes towards their learning. Sometimes, new tasks and activities can be overwhelming for children, and so we are trying to instil the value of Hope into their learning, to enable them to see that they may not be able to do something....yet, but if they hope and try, and have a positive attitude they will get there in the end. To help the children understand the meaning of this value, I read them the story of *The Hope-o-potamus* in worship this week. *The Hope-o-potamus* is a rhyming story written by Greg James and Chris Smith. It can be found inside *The Book of Hopes*, and it tells the most beautiful story of a Hippo, who doesn't give up on his hopes, even though he is tired, fed-up and tempted by others to give-up. We set the challenge to our children to show hope in their daily lessons, and Maisie in Reception showed this beautifully yesterday in her class. So, Maisie got to look after *The Hope-o-potamus* today! well done Maisie!

I know it may seem a bit early, but if we have any parents who would like to support our Christmas Fair planning, then please let Kirsty or Shannon know in the office – I am sure you have some great ideas of how we can make this special for our families and raise money for their school at the same time– your help would be so gratefully received!

Give us a call, email or pop in to see us in the office - Take care and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

WORSHIP



HOPE – what this value means to us at Tilstock.

- Identifying each child's hopes and dreams for the future
- Understanding what you can do to make them happen, what others need to do
- Seeing the end goal
- Resilience – try, try and try again
- Having and looking for opportunities
- Celebrating unique abilities
- Positive attitudes from all – I can do it!
- Working together to achieve
- Bright futures for our pupils
- Our hopeful journey as a school
- Having high expectations in everything that we do
- believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something about it– *Courageous Advocacy*

Our chosen Bible Story

- Jesus calms the storm
- Noah's Ark

Our Worship Songs this term

- Lord of all hopefulness
- Colours of the day
- Give me oil in my lamp

Secular Stories that link to this value

- Finding Nemo
- The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark (Jill Tomlinson)
- The World Made a Rainbow by Michelle Robinson
- La La La: A Story of Hope by Kate DiCamillo

Our Prayer for hope

Dear God,

Thank you that you always look after us, and care for us whatever the situation we are in.

Even when we have done wrong you still love us. You give us hope because you love us.

Amen



This term, in worship, we are focusing on the Christian value of **Hope**. If children have any prayers or pictures, linked to this theme, that they would like to share, they would be very welcome to do so.

KS2 Maths Parent Workshop

Join Mr Paterson on **Friday 16th September 3:15 pm** for information on our KS2 Maths curriculum, progression, assessments and how you can support your child with maths! Coffee and Cake included!

Reminder of 'Drop off & Pick-up' times:

School starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:00pm

The main playground gate (at the bottom of the path) will be opened by a member of staff at 8:40am for children to come through and go straight to their classrooms. **Gates will be closed promptly at 8:50am.** At 3pm, you will be able to collect your child from the same gate.

Happy Birthday to

Rihanna, Billy & Samuel.P

We hope you have a lovely birthday this week!



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

KS2 Maths workshop: 3:15pm Friday 16th September

Badger Class Swimming starts: 14th Sep Wednesdays 10wks

Harvest Festival for pupils: Friday 7th October 2022

PD DAY: 14th October (no pupils in school on this day)

Headteacher Awards this week:

Bumblebees: Mia & Leo

Squirrels: William & Hector

Otters: Martha & James

Badgers: Jake & Daniella



[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

