

Wraxall's School News



Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving

A slightly different newsletter to our usual bright and cheery one, as a result of the sad news regarding the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the period of National mourning. We will resume a more cheerful look after this period when I will share with you upcoming dates for exciting events taking place over the next two terms and some information about parental involvement in school including volunteering, mystery readers, updates about what your child is learning, parents evenings etc. We are really excited to bring further normality back to school and provide extra opportunities for you to be involved.

It was lovely to welcome all our children and families back to Wraxall last week and to say a big hello to several new pupils and staff joining the school (see the welcome below). The children have warmly welcomed our new pupils and they have thrown themselves into all of the day to day Wraxall experiences from helping to run the second hand book sales to reading a prayer in our Memorial service yesterday.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended our school's memorial service for the Queen. Although a sad occasion, it was moving to see the children's different tributes and reflections about the Queen from poems and prayers to piano, guitar and even bongos! Well done to all of the children who took part and made their contribution.

Every child in school has also produced a portrait of the Queen which was on display at the end of school on Friday. You can see the children's masterpieces below – some lovely drawings with great attention to detail!

As you will be aware, school is closed on Monday. Next week will see some whole school poetry activities taking place, a Reception welcome service and the conclusion of the 'Great Second-hand book Giveaway' (please help yourself after school on Tuesday!)

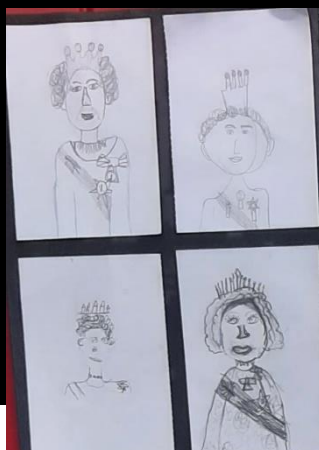
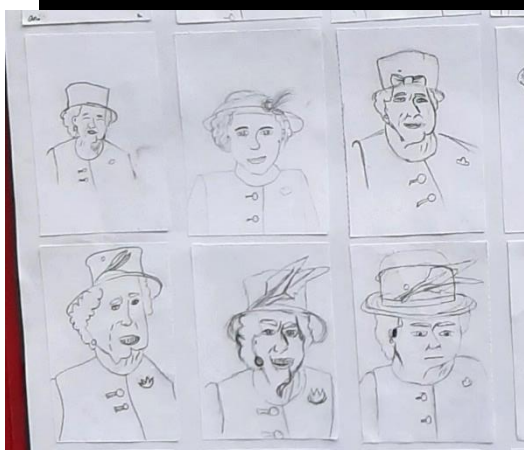
Wishing you all a restful weekend,
Amy Townsend

Dates for September 2022

Friday 16th September - Memorial Service for the Queen – 2.15pm at All Saints

Monday 19th September - School Closed - Queen Elizabeth II funeral

Monday 26th September - Key to Life Workshops at All Saints Church - Whole School



MEMORIES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

She loved horse riding.

Phoebe & Annie - Oak Class

She did a speech when she was really young, she was only 14.

Felix - Oak Class



She was a kind and caring woman. We loved her very much.

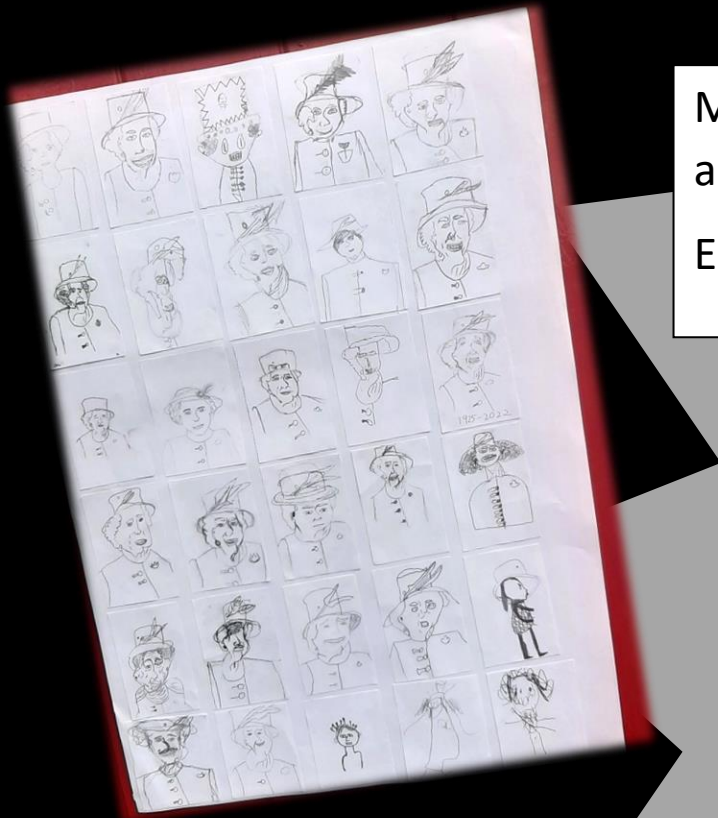
Elsie - Silver Birch Class

My Granny was sent a letter to the Queen and she got a reply back from her.

Eloise - Oak Class

My Granny had a letter from the Queen when she was 100.

Isla - Oak Class



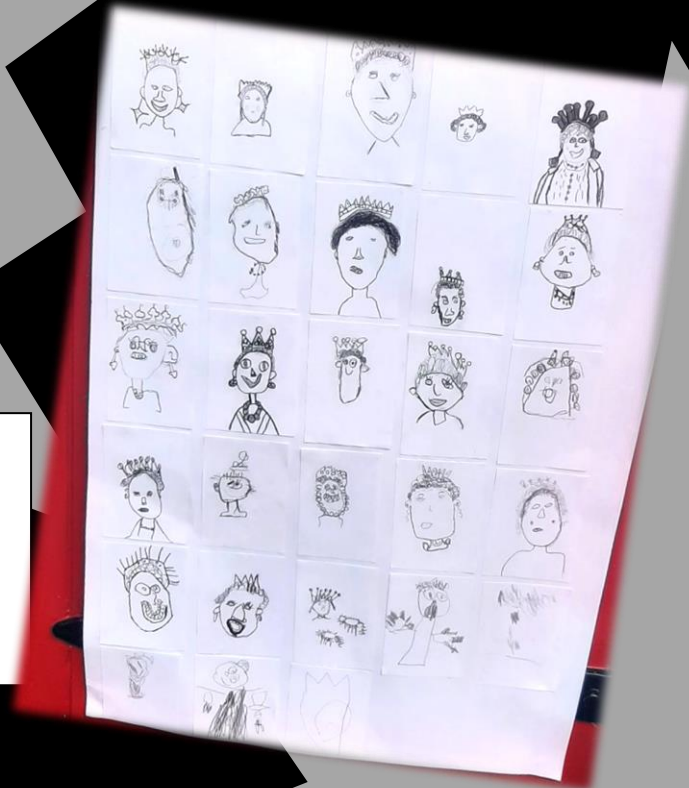
MEMORIES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

She gave us 70 years of duty and dedication. The Grandmother of our nation will be greatly missed.

Lisa

She was on all of our stamps and money.

Willow Class

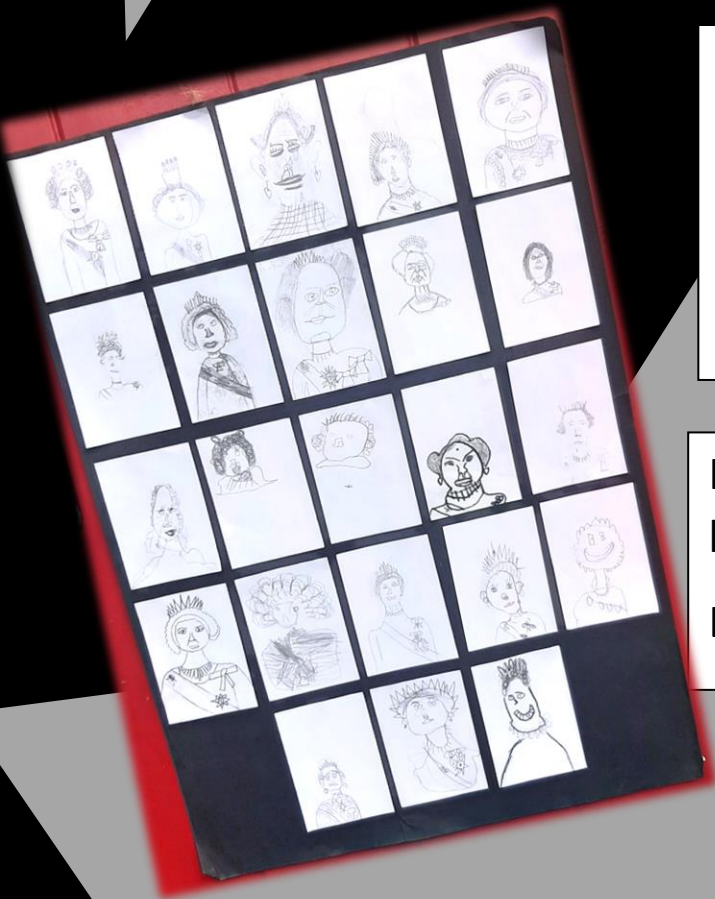


She was an inspiration and role model for the world. She carried out her duties always thinking of others. We will miss her so much.

Miss B

I remember that she went horse riding a lot.

Laila - Willow Class





Rest In Peace
Your Majesty



A WARM WELCOME FROM WRAXALL PRIMARY SCHOOL TO OUR NEW STUDENT'S.

We would like to welcome our new student's. Raheem who joined our year 1's. Lilia and Jemima and Yat Wa who have joined our Year 5's. Please give them all a warm Wraxall welcome when you see them around the school.

We would also like to say Welcome to our new members of staff. Mrs Sheppard who has joined us as our new Deputy Head. Miss Hutchings, our Year 5/6 Teacher and Mr Leech who is our Year 3/ 4 Teacher. We would like to wish them well and we all look forward to working with them.

SAFEGUARDING & E- SAFETY

"Everyone is responsible for safeguarding"

Wraxall CofE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils. If you are a parent, child, volunteer or member of staff you should share any concern you may have about a child or an adult with either our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Amy Townsend or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Vicki Sheppard or the Safeguarding Governor, Hazel Mallett. If this is not possible or appropriate and you need to report a concern yourself the numbers below are the main contacts:

Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) 01275 888211 (weekdays 8.45am-5pm or 4.30pm on Friday)

Emergency Duty Team 01454 615165 (outside office hours)

Anyone can refer a safeguarding issue via the NSSCB website (North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board).

If you would like more information then please check out the school website for the LSP Safeguarding Policy and a Wraxall School Policy Summary.

CHURCH NEWS

Following the news last week of the passing of Her majesty the Queen, please will you note that: -

Wraxall Church is open daily 9.00am -5.30pm for private prayer, the lighting of candles and a book of remembrance.

This is a prayer written for the occasion of the death of Her majesty the Queen by the Archbishop of Canterbury :

Gracious God, we give thanks

for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,

for her faith and her dedication to duty.

Bless our nation as we mourn her death

and may her example continue to inspire us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the Queen Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Morey

Rector of the Parish of Wraxall with Failand

Sunny Saplings Returns!

Our Resident toddler group, Sunny Saplings will be running again this term with a new time slot of Friday Mornings 9.00am-11.00am in The Cross Tree Centre at Wraxall Church starting this Friday 16th September. Come along with little ones for snacks, drinks, activities and friendly chat. Contact Elize in the Parish Office for more information:

wraxallwithfailandparish@gmail.com

Pupil Premium (Free School Meals Benefit)

Free School Meals

There are two schemes for free school meals:

Universal infant free school meals for all children in reception year, year 1 and year 2 – you don't need to apply as they're automatically given at the school

Free school meals for people on qualifying benefits – you'll need to apply for these

If you claim qualifying benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant school meals, you should still apply for free school meals so as the school is given additional funds, known as pupil premium, to support those children with their learning in school and to assist with other school costs. This can include: 1-1 support, extra reading, phonics and contributions towards trips and enrichment activities.

Qualifying benefits for free school meals

Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/net earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included.

How to apply

Free school meals entitlement is for the child, not the family, so you will need to apply for each child when they start school.

If your child is starting school in September, you should apply during the summer holidays as we cannot deal with your application earlier. Applying too early could result in your application being removed.

If you are moving into North Somerset from another area you will need to apply. You will need your National insurance number to apply.

When to reapply

Due to the roll out of Universal Credit, all pupils that are currently eligible for free school meals will be protected until the end of the school stage they are in on 31 March 2022. This means if your child is receiving free school meals at primary school in March 2022, you won't need to reapply for them until they start secondary school. Children do not receive free school meals in college. If your child changes school or address before 31 March 2022, email fsm@nsomerset.gov.uk so we can update your free school meals record.

The extraordinary life of QUEEN ELIZABETH II



1926

Princess Elizabeth is born in London.



1945

Towards the end of World War II, 18-year-old Elizabeth joins the Auxiliary Territorial Service and trains as a driver and a mechanic.



1947

Princess Elizabeth marries Prince Philip, an officer in the Royal Navy.



1948

The princess gives birth to her first child, a boy named Charles who will grow up to be King.



1966

Her Majesty is at Wembley to see England beat West Germany (as it was called before the Berlin Wall came down) 4-2 in the World Cup final, presenting the trophy to victorious captain Bobby Moore.



1957

Her Majesty gives the first televised Christmas broadcast to the nation. 'The Queen's Speech' goes on to become a permanent and powerful tradition of the festive season.



1953

The new Queen is crowned at Westminster Abbey – the first coronation to be televised. Sales of TVs soar as many families buy one for the first time to watch the ceremony. The eventual worldwide audience is around 277 million.



1977

Britain and the Commonwealth celebrate the Queen's silver jubilee (marking 25 years on the throne). A chain of beacons is lit around the country, and thousands of street parties are held.



2015

Having ruled for 63 years, Queen Elizabeth becomes the longest-reigning monarch in British history – overtaking her great great grandmother, Queen Victoria.



2022

The nation celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with more events and street parties. Sadly, however, Her Majesty's health declines and she passes away months later, aged 96. After 70 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth II leaves a legacy of lasting affection and respect from people not only in the UK, but around the whole world.

Did you know?...

Rest well, Your Majesty – and thank you.

The Queen received her first Corgi, Susan, as an 18th birthday present. She loved that breed of dog throughout her life, going on to own another 30 of them.



As Britain was still recovering from the effects of the war, the young Princess Elizabeth had to save ration coupons to buy the material for her wedding dress!

The Queen took the unusual step of inviting a TV documentary crew into Buckingham Palace in 1969. This let people see the Royal Family in a way they'd never been able to before.



In 1982, a mentally ill man broke into the palace and reached the Queen's bedroom! Reports suggest Her Majesty calmly kept him talking for 10 minutes until the security team arrived.



It was Queen Elizabeth who, in 1983, decided to open up Buckingham Palace to visitors from the public for the first time.

To help launch the 2012 Olympics in London, Her Majesty featured in a short film where she meets super-spy James Bond, as played by Daniel Craig.



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Tips for Supporting Children in DEALING WITH GRIEF

It's important that trusted adults feel able to help children and young people cope with grief – particularly at the moment, when we are a nation mourning the loss of a public figure who was treasured by so many. Children are seeing bereavement and sadness being featured heavily in the national news and in their favourite online spaces, and hearing it being talked about extensively among families and in the community. How can we help them in processing this healthily?

1 UNDERSTAND WHAT GRIEF IS

Grief is emotional distress which is a normal response to the death of someone close, well known or admired. It may feel overwhelming – especially for young people – and is often accompanied by feelings of shock, disbelief, anger or fear. These emotions may also mean that sleep, eating and our relationships with others could be affected.

2 MEET THE CHILD 'WHERE THEY ARE'

This could be a child's first experience of grief and loss – or conversely, they may have already encountered it several times. Make sure that any conversations you have with them, and the support that you give, are led by their experiences and their understanding of death – and in the context of their religious or community beliefs.

3 EXPLAIN CLEARLY WHAT DEATH IS

It may often feel uncomfortable, but it's healthier to actually use the words "dead", "death" or "died". Abstract explanations of death can frequently create even more confusion – particularly for younger children, who are still trying to grasp this complex (and possibly unfamiliar) concept.

4 BE PREPARED FOR QUESTIONS

On subjects such as this – especially when it involves a person who's well known to them – children and young people often have lots of questions, all at once. Sometimes, new queries about the issue will occur to them weeks after the event. Be ready to answer their questions as honestly as you can, using language that's appropriate for their age.

5 FIND WAYS TO REMEMBER THEM

It can help to talk to about the person who's died, even if that individual wasn't personally involved in the child's own life – such as a significant public figure, for instance. You and your child can discuss what that person meant to you, celebrate the things they achieved or go to a place where they can be remembered.

6 ENCOURAGE COPING STRATEGIES

You can help a child or young person to identify what their usual positive ways of coping are when they have overwhelming feelings. For example, do they find that talking with someone, drawing, going for a walk or listening to music help when they're feeling upset? These same activities could form an important part of the grieving process.

7 REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

If a child or young person is struggling with grief to the extent that it's impacting on their everyday life, there are lots of expert organisations that you could reach out to for further help. Samaritans provides a listening ear for anyone in emotional distress; The Mix offers specialist support to people under 25; and Winston's Wish deals specifically with helping young people who are grieving.

SAMARITANS:
116 123

WWW.THEMIX.ORG.UK/GET-SUPPORT
0808 808 4994

WINSTON'S WISH:
08088 020 021

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



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