



Worship together



We discussed the sad loss of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh and contemplated about 'a life well lived.' How did this apply to Prince Phillip and how can we apply that in our own lives. As head of the Church of England, we discussed how the Queen will draw strength from her faith. We looked at a passage from Matthew 28:20, 'I will be with you always – until the very end of time.' We finished our collective worship on Monday by listening to, 'The Lord's My Shepherd,' one of the

Queen's favourite hymns.

Book of Condolence for the Duke of Edinburgh St Mary's Temple Balsall

We are compiling a Book of Condolence at St Mary's, Temple Balsall but, unfortunately, because of COVID restrictions we are unable to display our condolence book in church for entries to be made. If you would like to send your comments and memories to the Parish office at jjones@leveson.org.uk our Parish Secretary will add them to the condolence book, which you will be able to see at a future date and will be an addition to our archives here. We hope this will provide the opportunity for people across our community to record their respects to the Duke of Edinburgh and will be a valuable record for future generations

Values

This week, our children have been considering the value of *forgiveness* in their collective worship and throughout each day. Ephesians 1.7 states, 'For by the death of Christ we are set free, our sins are forgiven.' The children considered when they have been given or have given forgiveness to others. We also considered our value of *reconciliation*, learning that one person can offer forgiveness but it takes two for true reconciliation. At school, we remind children that we all make mistakes and bad decisions, as none of us are perfect. However, we aim to learn from those things so that we are wiser to make better choices in the future.

School Sport

Our children have a very exciting term of sport ahead of them, as we hope to make the most of the Summer weather. We have a number of sports coaches coming in to work with our children. Years 1 and 2 are starting their cheerleading next week. Year 3 are doing golf. Years 4 and 5 have Warwickshire cricket coaches coming in to work with them and Year 6 will have tag rugby. We have always had great involvement in sports clubs and inter-school

competitions so it is nice to have these opportunities available again as Covid restrictions begin to be lifted.

Times Table Rockstars

I am sure that you will have seen your child learning their times tables through the Times Table Rockstars website. We have recently renewed our subscription and Miss Martin has set up a new challenge to motivate everyone: children v the teachers (the children are currently winning). Each week, teachers will award a child in their class for their effort with a special certificate and voucher. Having quick recall of times tables really benefits many areas of maths. From next year, all Year 4 children (nationally) will have to complete a times table online screening in the Summer. Helping your child to learn their times tables is something that you can make a huge impact with at home, through involvement on Times Table Rockstars and by practising saying them regularly.

Uniform

Many thanks for getting your child back into uniform after lockdown. They are looking great. Palmers in Knowle are taking bookings for July and August to buy uniform for September. You are also able to order uniform online from www.top-form.co.uk/

Contacting staff

Communication between home and school is really important and our staff check emails regularly and aim to respond in a timely manner. As part of BDMAT, we aim not to send emails between 7pm and 7am. If you need to contact a teacher and it is not an emergency, we would please request that emails are either send during working hours or scheduled to arrive after 7am. This will still give teachers time to take note of the contents of your message before the start of the next school day.

Timings

Here is a reminder of the staggered drop-off and collection times:

Nursery and Reception	Drop off: 9:00	Pick up: 3:20
Year 1 and Year 2	Drop off: 8:55	Pick up: 3:15
Year 3 and Year 4	Drop off: 8:50	Pick up: 3:10
Year 5 and Year 6	Drop off: 8:45	Pick up: 3:05

Holidays

We understand that holiday plans have been disrupted for a considerable time and that everyone is more than ready for a holiday. We also know that prices are considerably more expensive during the school breaks. However, please be reminded that we will not authorise holiday requests during term time, as directed by the Government, as children need to be at school now more than ever. Although we don't approve of term time holidays, we do appreciate those people who inform us by putting a holiday request in so that we know your child is safe. Without this information, we would be doing home visits and contacting the police to conduct a safe and well check.

Information, Celebration & Key Dates

All key dates can be found on the school website. Use the 'Parents' drop down menu and select 'Calendar.' Use this link for quick access: <https://ladyk.bdmat.org.uk/calendar/>

We also post lots of information, photos and good news stories on our social media platforms:

Facebook: Lady Katherine Leveson C of E Primary School Facebook page

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Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend and week ahead.

Simon Russell

Head Teacher

Lady Katherine Leveson CE Primary School

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