



Dear Parents and Carers,

**A sad farewell**

Today, we paid our respects to HM Queen Elizabeth II on her passing. We held a special service where we reflected on her servitude for her country and all the wonderful work she did for the Commonwealth. The children watched a short video and we prayed for her and her family. What a tremendous life she led and she was a true inspiration to us all about duty and service for others.

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,**

**and let perpetual light shine upon her.**

**May the souls of all the faithful departed,**

**through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

**~Amen~**

Following the announcement of the death of Her Majesty The Queen on 8 September 2022, Cardinal Vincent Nichols paid tribute to Her Majesty:

*On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service.'*

*Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.*

*Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.*

*At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.*

*In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'*

*This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.*

*Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.*

*Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.*

*We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.*

*God save the King.*

### **Welcome Back**

It is so lovely to have the children back in school and hearing about their great summer holidays. They all look very smart with their new uniforms and new haircuts. Please can we ask that we label all pieces of uniform as already we are finding jumpers or cardigans getting lost. If the items are labelled it makes life a lot easier!

It has been so great to welcome many of you to the coffee mornings and showing you all the changes that have happened in the school. I look forward to meeting with parents from Years 3 - 6 next week.

### **SAVE THE DATES!!!!**

On Wednesday 5th October at 10.30am, we are going to hold a very special Mass in school. This year, marks the 95th anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy coming to St Albans and as a mercy school, we are going to commemorate it with a tree planting ceremony and a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan and some of the Sisters of Mercy. I thought it could also be a special time to remember the

school's 60th anniversary which fell in 2020 during the pandemic. I hope that you are able to join us as we celebrate this momentous occasion.

Don't forget also that on Sunday 16th October, there will be a special children's celebration for St Bartholomew's 60th anniversary, where the children of St Adrian's will lead the Sunday Mass. They will also have a procession from school to the church. More information regarding this event will follow in due course. I hope that all the children can attend this lovely celebration.

### **Great fundraising!!!**

Congratulations to Lily Alderton who did a tremendous job in the summer of raising a whopping £360 from a cake sale for Rennie Grove Hospice Care!! Lily's grandfather sadly passed away from cancer and the hospice looked after him in his final days. She made the decision to do something special to thank them. Well done to Lily, her mum and grandmother for such a great fundraising achievement. I am sure the hospice was very grateful.



### **PTA Update**

It's great to be back and it was lovely to see the new faces at the coffee morning today, welcome to all our new parents.

We will be sending out more information about our plans for events this year, but in the meantime, please save these two very important dates:

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS DISCO for children and parents, there will be a great DJ, food, drinks, games and lots more!**

Friday 3rd December, 4pm - 7pm

**ODYSSEY CINEMA ST ADRIAN'S TAKEOVER we have the whole venue to ourselves to enjoy a festive movie**

Sat 10th December, AM

We also hope to see you at our first **PTA meeting this Monday 12th September 7.30pm** at the King Harry.

We have the last few remaining numbers for 50 Club - grab them before they're gone!

As ever please contact us any time if you want to volunteer in any capacity, we are always available on the PTA email address:

[Stadrians.Herts.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Stadrians.Herts.pta@gmail.com)

You can also find out lots more here:

<https://stadrians.herts.sch.uk/category/pta/>

We look forward to another exciting year of fundraising with you!

## **The PTA**

### **Congratulations**

#### **Headteacher's Awards**

This week's awards go to:

Year 6: Lily Aderton & Teresa Lai

Year 5: Enoch Fordjour & Ailbhe Hanbury

Year 4: Partish Balgobin & Jeremy Aluwihare

Year 3: George Adams and Roisin Mc Namara -O' Malley

Year 2: Arthur Bell and Tilly Watts

Year 1: Molly Dunn and Jaaziah Ojeikere

Reception: These will commence next week when all children are in and settled

**Have a great weekend everyone.**

**Many thanks,**

**Mrs Porter**