



SAINT JOHN'S

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Saint John's families,

We began today with a time together in the hall to reflect on the news of the Queen's death and to explain to the children about King Charles III now being our monarch. One poignant moment was reading aloud some of the words which the Queen said herself, in her Christmas Day speech of 1957 (the first one to be televised):

*"Today we need a special kind of **courage**, not the kind needed in battle but a kind which makes us stand up for everything that we know is right, everything that is true and honest. We need the kind of **courage** that can withstand the subtle corruption of the cynics so that we can show the world that we are not afraid of the future."*

Since our Christian value this term is courage, it was interesting to note that our late Queen regarded this value very highly. I hope that you, as a family, can discuss how people show courage and how our children at Saint John's show courage every day at school. How many of us stand up in front of others, express an opinion openly, work on something we find tricky? I imagine we have much to learn from those a little younger than ourselves!

Details for Tea with Mrs B:

I would like to invite one year group at a time to join me for a cup of coffee/tea and maybe even some biscuits on a Friday afternoon from 2pm. It will be a chance for me to get to know parents and carers and for you to meet each other! It might be a bit of squeeze in my office and the library – but I hope that as many people as possible will be able to arrange to come.

Friday 16th September – Year 1 parents/carers

Friday 23rd September – Year 2 parents/carers

Friday 30th September – Year 3 parents/carers

Friday 4th November – Year 4 parents/carers

Friday 11th November – Year 5 parents/carers

Friday 18th November – Year 6 parents/carers

Friday 25th November – Reception parents/carers

Please come to the front entrance at 2pm. Babies/toddlers are welcome too, though pushchairs may need to remain in the front garden as we probably will not have space inside! Siblings will need to be collected at the end of school, so will finish around 3pm.

Festival of Stars:

Saint John's pupils are invited to join the iSingPOP team on stage between 3.45pm – 4.30pm this Saturday (10th) at the Festival of Stars is on the Pavilion Sports Field, GL51 6PN. I hope to see many of our Saint John's community at this exciting event!

Clubs will start in Week 3: Drama, Drawing, Choir, Pottery, Sports and many more! Keep checking the website for information about school life!

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards,
Victoria Beevers
Head Teacher

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