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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Further to the sad announcement of the death of **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**, I would like to keep you informed about the conversations in school surrounding the period of National Mourning and the funeral service on Monday:

Today in assembly we explained some of the key images and events of this week, including the process of Prince Charles being proclaimed King Charles III. We have explored the route that The Queen's coffin has taken from Scotland to Westminster and shown photos of crowds and The Royal Family on the journey. We have explained that The Queen is now Lying in State and that some people are paying their respects by visiting Westminster Hall.

We have explained that on Monday the Queen's funeral will take place and that we are not coming to school on Monday as a mark of respect and to enable the nation to observe the day.

Pilgrim Wall and Book of Remembrance for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

We would like to pay our respects as a school community by creating a Wall and Book of Remembrance for Her Majesty. Today, with this letter, your child will be bringing home a card of their choice on which we invite them (or your family together) to write a short message of thanks, remembrance or condolence. We will display the messages in our entrance to school and in a book which will stay in our library to mark this time in history.

The message could be to The Queen herself (a thanks or a memory) or a condolence to The Royal Family. It may even be a message to the nation. You might like to add a small illustration, motif or symbol to your message in keeping with the idea of respect and remembrance - whatever you want to express.

Of course, this is entirely optional as I am sure we will all mark this occasion in our own, personal ways. For those of you who would like to contribute, please send the message into school on Tuesday so we can start adding them to our wall and book.

I wish you all a peaceful weekend and Monday. I will see you on Tuesday to start our new week.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Lisa Meek
Headteacher