



Lea Endowed CE Primary School  
Newsletter No 1  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Our theme this half term is **COURAGE**

**"Let your light shine."** Matthew 5:16



A warm Welcome Back to the new school year. It's wonderful to see you all again after the Summer break. As I am sure you will all understand, I have changed much of my "normal" welcome back newsletter, due to the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, on Thursday afternoon. Last Monday morning, during our first Worship of the new school year, I spoke about the "Hills and Valleys" in our lives and how we experience both times of great joy and of sadness along our life journeys. Of course, none of us could have predicted that we would be facing such a time of deep sadness, just a few days later. Queen Elizabeth faced many challenges and enjoyed countless celebrations, along her long life journey. Throughout her reign, she has been an inspiration to so many, in her utter devotion, love and service to our nation and the commonwealth. As a school family, we join with the rest of our country in this period of National Mourning. Please feel free to send in flowers or a plant to lay in our school outdoor worship area, as a mark of respect.

On Friday, we held a special service where we came together to reflect on the immense privilege it has been to have grown up with a Queen who selflessly gave up her life to serve her people. We also marked this momentous occasion, by lowering the Union Flag to half-mast and, as suggested by Miss Smith, the headteacher at Lea Endowed for many years, we rang our very old school bell, 12 times at 12 noon, along with the bells that rang out across the country.

Ask your child about how they were a part of this special, spine tingling moment in our school's history.

I would like to give our new Reception children and their families, a very warm welcome. They have settled in beautifully and are already a special part of our school family. It has been quite an unusual time for their first week in school but they have joined in so well and I am very proud of them.

At the beginning of this new school year, I would once again like to share with you, our Lea Endowed School Vision. It is our reason for being here, and **YOU** are all a very important part of making our Vision become a reality. Please share this with your child and discuss what it means to them, and to the wider school family.

I believe Queen Elizabeth, who shone her light so brightly, would have said a dignified, "Amen" to the Vision we hold dear at Lea Endowed.

#### **'LET EVERYONE SHINE'**

At Lea Endowed Church of England School, we provide an excellent education for our children.

We follow God's example, by loving Him, and each other, in all that we do.

Our whole school family is encouraged to achieve their full, God given potential and shine in their own special way.

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#### **WELCOME MEETINGS**

Please come and meet your child's teacher for a short Welcome meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns, queries or you would just like to share some good news!

Praying for a peaceful and happy year together as a school family,

C M Seagrave