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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see a number of year groups enjoying their topic launches this week. Year 2 were dressed as pilots, flight attendants and stewards as they took to the skies in their flight topic. Year 3 came dressed as an array of book characters as they began to learn about their chosen author Roald Dahl and Year 6 came dressed as Ancient Greeks to launch their book 'Who Let the Gods Out!'. Days such as these will last long in the memories of all concerned and is the kind of immersive learning that we strive to champion throughout our school curriculum.

Children from Key Stage 1 and 2 were able to celebrate Mass this morning in Church to mark the beginning of another, action packed' school year. We took the opportunity to reflect, as many are doing across the nation, on the life and service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Luke's Gospel this weekend draws upon the idea of an unwavering service to God, something that our late Queen committed to on her 21st birthday back on 1947 prior to her ascension to the throne, when she said "*I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of the great family to which we all belong.*" She went on to publicly ask for God's help. Queen Elizabeth knew that nobody can serve two masters and despite the obvious privilege and wealth enjoyed by the Royal family, remained committed to social, environmental and devotional duty. She was a true defender of the faith that she cherished so dear.

The life of the Queen stands as an example to us all. At this time of quiet contemplation we can perhaps hold up in prayer families everywhere and say a simple thank you to the Queen for her devotion to us.

There are books of condolences for HM Queen Elizabeth II, available in Our Lady Chapel of St. Teresa's Church for anyone to leave a message and sign.

As His Majesty Charles III said, "*May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest*".

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"Love proves itself by deeds so how am I to show my love?" St Thérèse of Lisieux

