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## **St Mary's Catholic Primary School**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



**Tributes began pouring in from around the world after it was announced that Queen Elizabeth II had died, Britain's longest ever reigning monarch, aged 96.**

**Her death was announced on Thursday evening. Queen Elizabeth spent more than seven decades on the throne, overseeing a time of great transformation for Britain at home and a reign that saw the end of its global empire abroad after the Second World War.**

**At the time of her death she was the Head of the Commonwealth, consisting of 56 countries and more than two billion people. She was also the head of state in other countries, not just Britain, including Australia and Canada.**

**During her reign she became the most travelled British monarch in history and in the year of her coronation, she and her husband Prince Philip embarked on a seven-month round-the-world tour, visiting 13 countries. Among her many**

trips were ground-breaking state visits to China, Russia and Ireland. She visited or was visited by five popes and was the head of state in 15 countries at the time of her death.

**We have marked her passing in school today. RIP.**

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2022-23 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

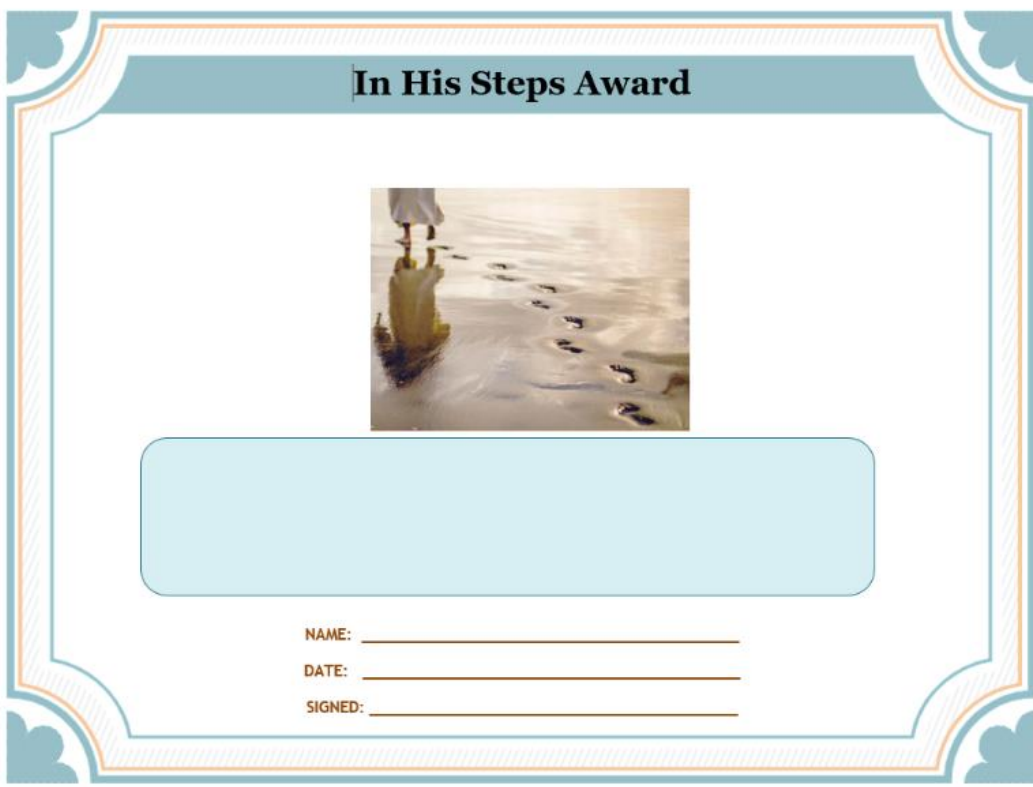
- Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- Completes all homework tasks/assignments given by teachers
- Reads as much as possible to develop a love for reading

and to improve literacy skills

- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.

The staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to another school year ahead.

Mrs Griffiths



The image shows a certificate template titled "In His Steps Award". It features a decorative border with blue and orange wavy lines. At the top, the title "In His Steps Award" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the title is a rectangular placeholder for a photograph. The photograph shows a person's legs and feet walking on a wet, reflective surface, leaving a trail of footprints. Below the photo is a large, light blue rectangular box for a message. At the bottom, there are three lines for text, each preceded by a label: "NAME:", "DATE:", and "SIGNED:". The labels are in a small, brown, sans-serif font.

### In His Steps Award

This year, each class will decide who has gone over and above to do or achieve something special. Each class teacher, together with their children, will issue a few awards

each week that will be presented formally in our weekly Recognition Assembly.

## Thank you

Thank you to parents of our new starters for attending the parents talk this week. It was great to see you all.

Mrs Griffiths has arranged

for a full tour of EYFS and whole school provision on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, straight after school, so you can all see where your child will be playing and learning.



## Exciting News

For the first time since the pandemic, we will be attending church as a whole school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. We will be taking the lead on the readings, the bidding prayers and we will be choosing the songs too. This will be the first visit for some of our children. Our new reception children will not be in attendance this time, but will be coming along at Christmastime.

## Reading Club

Together with games club led by Mrs Lambie, Mrs Griffiths has started a new reading lunchtime club.

Children are welcome to attend voluntarily and



enjoy reading on their own or together with friends. If we feel that some children could benefit from reading a little more in school, teachers will ask that they attend. The club is relaxed, joyful and celebratory of reading achievements. So many children have attended already, coming back for more the next day which has been great to see.

## Collection at the end of the day

**Could we kindly ask that parents remain on the playground and wait for your child to be sent over to you. Thank you.**