

15th January 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Re: Elle Morris

There is going to be a small memorial service the night before Elle's funeral which will be suitable for children to attend.

Venue: St Mary's Church

Date: Thursday 18th January 2018

**Time:** 3.45pm

Stapeley Broad Lane School choir are going to sing some of Elle's favourite hymns and Reverend Stephen will say a few words. After the short service we are going to light some candles and release some balloons (in Elle's favourite colours, purple and green) on Nantwich Square. If you would like to bring your own balloon please ensure it is filled with helium so it will fly high. Enzo will then serve hot chocolate and a slice of pizza for the children at the memorial.

It would be lovely if your child would like to write a message to Elle's family, or perhaps a note or poem for Elle.

There will be Brine Leas staff in attendance at the service. At 3pm we will walk to St Mary's; a simple note in your child's planner will suffice to let them out of lesson. I suggest that you ensure your child wears a coat on this day. If you want to go to the service yourself then please make clear arrangements to meet your child outside St Mary's prior to the service. If you are not planning on meeting your child for the service, can you please ensure that you make clear arrangements for collecting your child from town or ensure they know that they are able to make their own way home if you live locally.

Some children may wish to attend the funeral on Friday at 11am, and although It is a very difficult task to do, parents should try to prepare their children for the service. Please note, any children planning to attend the main funeral service, must be accompanied by an adult and should try to return to school once the church service has ended providing they feel able to.

Yours sincerely

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