

St. Francis R.C. School,
Rye Hill Roadway,
Bedworth,
Nr. Nuneaton.
CV12 8RS

Dear Mr Foley,

I hope you will excuse us intruding on your grief. But as you will see the children were very upset by the terrible tragedy and felt they wanted to reach out to your pupils to offer their love, prayers and sympathy.

As the top class (11 and 12 year olds) of a middle school we had chosen as our project for the term 'space'. It was to have been an exciting and worthwhile topic with all the news coming from your country about Voyager and of course Mr McPuffins 'classroom in space', as well as Halley's Comet. On our news bulletin we saw the young people of America and the Astronauts' families living through the tragedy with great dignity and

pride and our hearts reached out to them.

I know my children have learnt a lot this past week about life and death, love and hope. And through this disaster have felt closer to their cousins in the United States. Perhaps if a little more love and understanding has grown in the world between nations their deaths will not have been in vain.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Carter

(Class teacher)

St. Francis School,
Rye Piece Ringway
Bedworth,
England.

3rd January 1986.

Dear Children,

I deeply share in your grief over the terrible tragedy which happened to the astronauts of Challenger. We are all praying for you, especially the family of Christa McAuliffe who was to be the first civilian in space.

On the day which it happened we were talking about writing to you so that you could tell us more about the lessons. And then when I got home from school I found out what had happened and it hit me more so than it would have done if we hadn't been talking about it.

There and then I stood still and I couldn't
believe it

Yours Sincerely,
Mark.T

St. Francis of Assisi school,

Rye Piece Kings way,

Debworth

Notts

2nd February 1986 England,

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Dear friends of Concord school,

Our school, and myself are sharing in your grief. We know that it was a time for great enjoyment to actually have lessons from space, but it turned into an unreal disaster.

We were going to write you a letter as we were very interested, because we are doing a project on space, and now we have to write a letter of condolences. We were all looking forward to the take off, then suddenly it was a funeral. In this time of grief as you all need our prayers, we have been praying for you, we know that nothing can cheer you up, but remember she (Christa) is still in your hearts, we did not know her, but what we have heard Christa must have been a wonderful lady, May the Holy Spirit rest on you all!

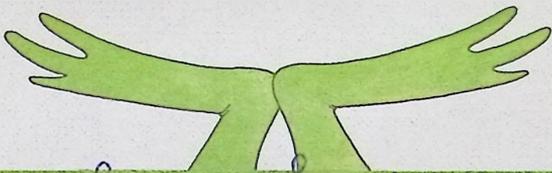
(On behalf of The Topclass of
St Francis school class 8.C)

Yours lovingly

Patricia Bull. ✱

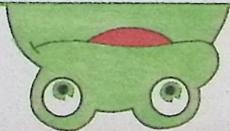
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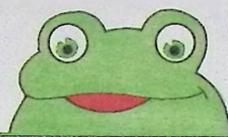




Dear Friends,
We too share in your grief,
In life we have sadness and in
turn happiness. Christa had an
ambition, that was to become
an astronaut. Although she didn't
quite reach space Christa reached
her goal. We are sharing the same
topic as you and were hoping
to learn information from your
teachers broadcast so we got
very close to you in your sadness
and we had followed your excitement

Saint Francis School
Rye Rise Ringway
Worcestershire
England
CV12 8RJ
3rd February 1986





in the launch.

yours LOVINGLY,
Dawn Spicer !!



Sz Francis's school,
Rye Piece Ringway,
Bedworth.

3 February 1986,
England.
CV128RJ.

Dear Friend,

When we heard about the explosion we were shocked and amazed at the sight of it we watched in grief. I have always wanted to go to space and feel the effect when you are weightless

My class are doing a project on space and the stars, we were really excited about the launch of the shuttle and see the first civilian to go to space. we share your

Grief and we send you our sympathy and comfort for the families of the dead astronauts and we hope we make you feel a bit better

Yours lovingly

Dale Hutchings and class 8C



St Francis Scholl
Rye Place Ringway
Bedworth
Wairichshire
3rd February 1986

Dear friend,

When I heard about the space disaster I was heart broken and even more when it was your teacher, We have been praying for you, your teacher and the astronaut's who took your teacher up. It was even more exciting that your teacher would be the first civilian astronaut to go into space about Voyager and the discovery of the Moons We are also praying for christa M^cPluffe and her husband and her two children .

Love from

Justin Brogan.

St. Francis school,
Rye Race Ringway,
Bedworth
England.
CV12 8JH
3-2-86

Dear children,

We were very sorry to hear about the

tragedy of Chalkers, we are all praying for

your teacher and the other people and their

families.

We were going to write to you about

the reason you were going to have because

we are doing a project on space. We

were very excited because Chalkers

had been delayed and was ready

to take off.

We will keep praying for you all

and her family.

Yours lovingly,

Robbie Parsons

St Francis School,
Lye Piece Ringway,
Bodworth,
Warwickshire
England
3rd February 1986

Dear children.

I was very sad when I saw the terrible disaster of the shuttle. Especially because it was the first civilian on board. It was great to see the first civilian on board Challenger but for it to end like it did was a great tragedy.

We were very interested in the launch of the shuttle because we are doing a project on space and space exploration. We were filled with excitement when challenger began its take off but when it exploded everybody was shocked and horrified.

Christa McAuliffe was having the experience of a lifetime going up to space in the shuttle.

We are now sharing in your grief and pray for you regularly

Love From

Andrew Hammond

St Francis school,
Rye Piece Ringway,
Bedworth.

Warwickshire.

England.

CV12 8RN

3rd February 1986

Dear friends of Concord school,

I am very sorry to hear about the crash of the shuttle. We were very shocked that the shuttle had crashed.

If the mission had been a success we were going to write to you because we are doing a project on space. We had alot of information because of Voyager. We were hoping to have learnt something from you.

We are praying for you. We are also praying for all of the astronauts in the shuttle and their families.

Yours lovingly,
Kerry Pollack

age 12

St Francis School,
Pye Piece Ringway,
Bedworth,
England
CV12 9RJ

3rd February 1986

Dear children,
I was tremendously sad when I saw
the take off of the Challenger. I am praying
all the time I can for your teacher Christina
McAuliffe and her family as well as the other
astronauts.

We, (The Class), were also doing a project
on space, and ^{were} looking forward to your teacher
coming back so we could get more information. We
were also excited about Voyager and its discoveries.

Do not worry or be sad she is in a
good place now,

Yours Lovingly

Kerrie McDonald

(Age 12).

St Francis Combined school,
Rye Piece Ringway,
Dedworth,
England.

CV12 8RS

3rd February, 1986

Dear Pupils,

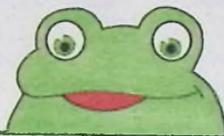
I am very sorry to hear about the death of your teacher in the shuttle disaster, in England we are all very touched. We are all praying for you and Christa McAuliffe and also her family who will be missing her very much.

We are also doing a project on space and were hoping for information too, from this great adventure. Your teacher risked her life for history and I think she would have liked that

Yours sadly,

Paul Abbey

Class 8C

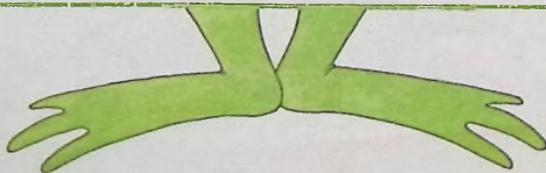


St Francis school
Rye Piece Ringway
Bedworth
Warwickshire
England
CV12 8PS
February 3rd 1986

Dear Companions,

We are sharing your grief and
We are also praying for you as well. We
were all excited at the day of launch.

Our project is on space. We have lots of
information and were hoping for more. When we
heard about Voyager meeting Uranus we were
thrilled and we had more information than we
thought we would have.





Your teacher Christ Mc AtUliffe I suppose
it was her dream to go to space she was nearly
there when when disaster struck.

We hoped to see the transmission televised.
Your teacher was most probably the luckiest in
the world to have been the first civilian in
space. You must have been very proud to have
such a wonderful lady as a teacher.

Yours with love
and Prayers
From Peter wyatt



St Francis School,
Rye Piece Ringway,
Bedworth.
England,
CV12 8RT
3rd February 1986

Dear Children,

On behalf of our class, I am writing to say how sorry we are to hear about the great tragedy that happened on the Space Craft Challenger.

We have all been praying with our deepest sympathy, we ourselves were going to write to your teacher Christa McAuliffe and yourselves, because we are doing a project on space, we were going to ask you and your teacher to share with us, the great experience that your teacher was going to achieve,

We will keep thinking of you and praying for you

Yours Sadly,

Claire Seabright.



St Francis School

Rye Place Highway

Redworth

CHL 812

England

3rd February 1996

Dear Children,

I am very sorry about the tragedy involving your
Teacher, Christa Mouliffe. Here at St. Francis school we are
sharing your grief and we are praying very hard.

You probably want to know the real reason why I
am writing to you. Well we are doing a project on space and
when I heard that Challenger was taking off with a teacher
on it I just had to watch it. I was truly excited and then
when the explosion occurred our hearts went cold. I am
very sorry

Yours sadly,

Dominic Mouliffe

and class 8C

(Top Class)

St Francis school,
Rye piece Ringway,
Bedworth,
England.

Cv12 8RT

3rd February

Dear friends,

We are all writing letters to let you know that we are sharing your grief. We are all praying for you as it was a teacher from your school. I thought Christa M^cAuliffe had great courage to go up there. They all had a goal in life and they nearly reached it.

We were doing a project on Halley's comet and it had a lot to do with space. So we were all excited about Challenger's launch after so many delays.

We will all be thinking of
you especially scott and caroline, her
children, who after losing their mother so
soon in life. They must be very sad and lonely
without her.

Yours sadly,

Sarah Usher age 11

Class 8.C

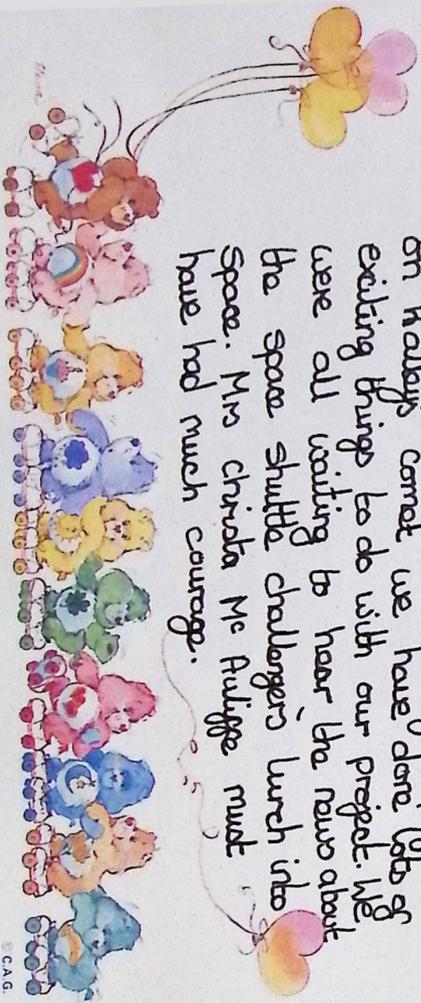
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Rye Piece, Ringway,
Bedworth,
England,
CV12 8RT,
3rd February 1986.

Dear children,

We are very sorry to hear about the terrible accident about the Space Ship we are all sharing grief. We are very sad and praying for you everyday.

We are also sorry to hear about the teacher Mrs Christa Mc Auliffe and her two children and her family. We are praying for the astronauts who went with her.

Our class is also doing a project on Hallow's comet we have done lots of exciting things to do with our project. We were all waiting to hear the news about the space shuttle challenger's lunch into space. Mrs Christa Mc Auliffe must have had much courage.



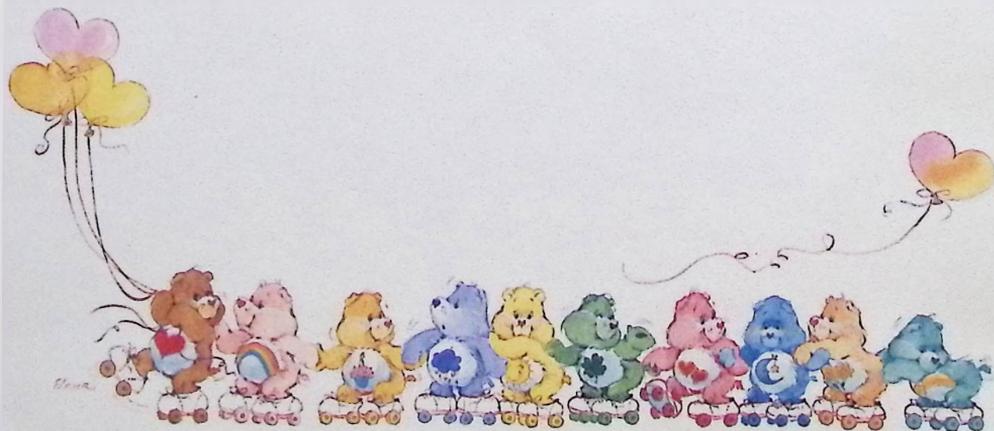
to go up there in space after only 6 months
training.

We are all thinking about you and all of
the other Astronauts families

Yours Sadly;

Helena Seabright

class 8C.



St Francis School
Rye Piece Ringway,
Bedworth,
Warwickshire.
England.
CV12 8RJ.

3rd February 1986.

Dear Pupils of Concord,

I'm writing to say how sorry we all are at St. Francis about the disaster of the shuttle and the death of your teacher, Christa McAuliffe. We are praying for you all and sharing in your grief. We all heard on the news and in the newspapers how she was trying to uncover the mystery of space and how she "reached for the stars".

We too are doing a project on space and we were going to write to you and exchange information so I'm very sad that the letter had to be one of sadness.

from

Eugene Ison

age 11.

P.S. Live your lives as she would have wished.

St. Francis School,
Rye Peice Kingsy,
Bedeworth,
Warwickshire,
England,

3rd February 1986
CVR 8PJ.

Dear pupils,

I was very shocked when I heard about what had happened to your teacher christa McAuffe and how hard it is for you because she was your teacher I was shocked and I didn't really know her.

I wrote up to say that our class is doing a project on space and the

moon and we were pleased
when we saw that a civilian
was going to space. I have
all ways wanted to go to
space. It must be very hard
for her two children charline
and scott aswell. We all pray
for her, you and her children

All my love

Lindsey Breen

Age 11.

St Francis school,
Rye Piece Ringway
Bedworth.
England.

CV12 8RT

3rd February 1986.

Dear friends,

I was very upset when I heard about the tragedy of Challenger. You must be very upset. I know what is like. You have my sympathy. I wish I could be there to comfort you. You must be very unhappy. I am writing because we are doing a topic on space, too.



We will be praying for you as much as we
can.

Lots of love,

Your friend,

Alicia Garcia.

(age 12, class 8-C)



St Francis School,
Rye Piece Ringway
Bedworth
England
CV12-8RJ

5.2.86

Dear Children,

I'm sure you've had many other letters from all over the world all sharing in your grief. It must've broken your hearts to see just an ordinary school teacher going up into space, and then something like that happening. When my class heard about this, we were all very shocked and we all share in your mourning, and we're praying.

Our project is about space. We were really excited when Voyager found some new interesting facts about Uranus, weren't you? And then about a mission going up into space and broadcasting live lessons from space! But it was very tragic that it didn't happen.

From

Fiona Francis
(age 12)



St. Francis School,
Rye Piece Ringway,
Bedworth,
Warwick.
ENGLAND.
CV12-8RJ.

Dear Pupils of Concord School,

I was watching the news on T.V.
When I heard and saw the disaster of Challenger.
We are sharing your grief in England.
We were interested in Challenger because we
are doing a project on space. I have always
wanted to go to space and explore and find out
things that no one has ever found. We will
always be praying for the astronauts family
and relatives and the family and pupils of
Christa Mc Auliffe.

Love from

Rachael Bugeja

By air mail
Par avion



Mr Charles Foley,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

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