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St. Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I do hope you are all adjusting to life in lockdown. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any kind of support for your family. We understand that this can be an incredibly challenging time for families for all sorts of reasons. We will get through this period of lockdown stronger together.

We have had a busy but fun start to the new half term. The children have been working very hard and it was wonderful to share their learning with you at our recent Parents' Evenings. Thank you so much for attending! The 'School Cloud' system seems to be a great way of communicating with you all face to face!

A little earlier this week, the Chaplaincy Team marked Remembrance Day by leading the school in a beautiful online liturgy of Remembrance. The children all took away the name of a soldier who had died in battle from the local area to pray for and placed their own poppy prayers on the prayer area. What a thoughtful idea! A big thank you, also, to all the children and families who took the time to create a poppy for our display along the school path – they look beautiful. This then led into 'Anti-bullying week' with the focus on creating peace in our school through kind words and actions. All classes had special PHSE lessons and activities themed around the anti-bullying message.



Next week marks the beginning of our 'Other Faiths' week, in which we will be learning all about Judaism. As part of this we have invited guests from the Open Centre into school (virtually) to teach us more about the Jewish faith. They have prepared videos for us, answering the children's questions. We look forward to sharing all of our learning about Judaism with the whole school.

Advent Liturgy – Wednesday 2nd December

As we approach the season of Advent, the children will begin busily preparing for an amazing virtual Advent liturgy (filmed in bubbles) for you all to enjoy. We will be emailing you the link to watch on the evening of Tuesday 1st December.



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Book collection for school fires

From Monday 16th November, we will be placing collection boxes outside our 3 gates (double gates, top gate and single gate onto the KS1 playground) for reading books to be donated to the two schools (St Mary's and Ravensdale Infants). Collection baskets will be out at the start and end of each day for that week.

Maintaining Social Distancing at the end of the school day

In the light of the recent national lockdown, all adults are kindly requested to wear masks (unless medically exempt) during drop off and collection of pupils. Let's also make sure that we continue to:

- **Arrive and collect children during their time-slots. Waiting in car parks and collection areas in advance of your time slot causes unnecessary congestion.**
- **Make sure that if you have more than one child at school they should arrive for the earliest start time and be collected at the latest finish time and should use the eldest child's drop-off and collection point.**

Adverse Weather Conditions

Please do send your children to school with hats, gloves, coats and wellies (if possible) so that they can continue to access outdoor learning and play. I do not anticipate that we should need to close school due to snowy conditions any time soon, but if this is ever the case, we shall contact you as close to 7am as possible on the day of closure (or earlier if possible) via a text message. Our website will also prominently display this information on our 'ticker' at the top of our homepage. If you are not receiving texts to the appropriate mobile contact please let the school office know.

Winter School Uniform – Appropriate Footwear

In snowy/wet weather, boots may be worn to school but must be changed for school shoes before lessons begin.

Winter PE Kit

Outdoor PE will still take place during the colder months, but children are allowed to wear black plain jogging bottoms and a school sweatshirt. Children will require trainers as well as pumps. Please do ensure all items are labelled. Many thanks!

E-Safety Information – YouTube

Many of our pupils really enjoy using YouTube, but it can be a minefield in terms of the content that might be accessed. In school, we have a rigorous filtering system in place and so we would like to share with you some key ways of keeping your child/ren safe whilst using YouTube.

What's the problem?

- Videos that look like they're child-friendly can include violent or disturbing content, and it's difficult for YouTube to catch all of these videos before children see them. They might be suggested videos, or appear in search results.
- There's a risk that adults can use YouTube to contact children and 'groom' them into sharing explicit pictures or videos of themselves.
- Children can share personal information which could put them in danger, such as which street they live on or their school.

5 steps to safer 'YouTubing'

1. Turn on 'restricted mode' to help hide videos that may have inappropriate content.

On the website:

>Click on the icon in the top-right corner that represents your YouTube account

> In the drop-down menu look for 'Restricted Mode'

>Toggle 'On'

In the iPhone and iPad app:

>In the top right, tap your profile picture

> Tap 'Settings'

> Tap 'Restricted Mode Filtering'

> Tap 'Strict' to turn restricted mode on

In the Android app:

> Tap the 3 dots icon in the top right

> Tap 'Settings'

> Tap 'General'

> Turn 'Restricted mode' on or off

2. Turn off autoplay and manage recommendations to help stop your child seeing upsetting or disturbing videos by accident.



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- In a video page, toggle the 'Autoplay' option to off. Depending on your device, this may show in the top right of the screen, or below the video.
 - You can also use the 'Don't recommend channel' option to remove channels from your recommendations. To do this:
 - > Click the 3 dots next to a video on the homepage
 - > Select 'Don't recommend channel'
3. Tell your child not to share any personal information with others. This is anything that could identify them or give away their location, like the name of the street they live on, their school name or their school uniform.
 4. Check for comments on videos your child uploads. YouTube says it has disabled comments on videos of children, but do still regularly check for comments made on any videos your child shares. Look out for comments asking for more specific videos or personal information.
 5. Flag inappropriate videos and comments to YouTube. Use the 'flagging feature' to prompt YouTube staff to check content and decide whether to block or restrict it in line with its community guidelines:
 - >On the page with the video, tap the 3 dots ('more') icon next to a video or comment
 - >Select 'Report' (this is a flag icon in Android and iPhone and iPad apps)
 - >Select the reason for flagging, and provide any extra details you think will help YouTube staff.

Remote Learning

Last month, we emailed out to you log in information for Key Stage Two pupils in relation to 'Century' an online learning platform. This is one of our remote learning platforms and will be used when/if children need to self-isolate or in the case of a bubble closure. Century is engaging, fun and provides comprehensive curriculum coverage, whilst allowing work to be submitted to the class teacher. We are currently in the process of setting up an e-learning resource page on the 'Children' section of our school website. Once this is complete, you will find links to a number of online learning platforms that can be used to support home-learning in the event of self-isolation or bubble/school closure.

Our Christmas Plans in this 'new normal'!

The following events will be filmed with links emailed out to the relevant families on the day of the scheduled event:

Thursday 17 th December CHANGE OF DATE	Key Stage 1 Nativity
Friday 18 th December	Carols Around the Tree/Christmas Liturgy

The following Christmas events will proceed as planned.

Friday 10 th December. Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch. This will take place in 'bubbles'.
Friday 18 th December: All day	Christmas Jumper Day (wear with jeans) in exchange for £1 donation for our Parish
Friday 18 th December: Afternoon	Online Carols Around the Tree/Christmas liturgy and celebration to be shared with all children and parents – keep an eye out for the link!

Christmas Dinner – Friday 10th December

Christmas dinner will be served on Friday 10th December. All Key Stage 2 children are welcome to enjoy a Christmas dinner at the price of £2.10. Key Stage 1 children are already entitled to a free school meal. The children will be enjoying their Christmas dinner in their class bubbles.

INSET Days

We have three INSET days coming up, for which school will be closed to pupils. The dates of these INSETS are:

- Monday 23rd November
- Friday 4th December
- **Monday 4th January (New Date)**

We have recently added Monday 4th January to our programme of INSET days and wish to draw your attention to this so that you can make any necessary arrangements for childcare. All pupils will return to school after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 5th January.

Calendar of Events – 2020/2021

Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th November:	RE – Judaism Week	All pupils
Tuesday 17 th November	Feast day of St Elizabeth of Hungary	All pupils will be undertaking work throughout the day to explore who St Elizabeth of Hungary was, why our school is named after her and how we can follow in her footsteps.
Friday 20 th November	Shoe Box Appeal Ends	All shoe box donations must be in handed in by Wednesday, 18th November. Many thanks to those of you who have already given so generously to this and to Mrs Parry for organising.
Monday 23rd November: INSET All day	INSET	School Closed
Friday 4th December: INSET All day	INSET	School Closed
Wednesday 2 nd December	Advent Liturgy	This will be a virtual event. Subject to consent, a secure link will be sent out for you and your families to join our pupils and staff in reflecting on the meaning of Advent.
Friday 10 th December:	Christmas Lunch	All pupils
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Monday 21st December – Fri 1st January	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
Monday 4th January 2021	INSET	School Closed
Tuesday 5th January 2021	All pupils return for the start of the Lent term	All pupils
Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February	Lent Half term	School Closed
Monday 22nd February	All pupils return	All pupils
Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April	Easter Holidays	School Closed
Monday 19th April	All pupils return for the start of the Pentecost term	All pupils
Monday 3rd May: All day	May Bank Holiday	School Closed
Monday 10 th May – Thursday 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week	All Year 6 pupils
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	Pentecost Half term	School Closed
Monday 7th June	All pupils return	All pupils
Thursday 22nd July 2021 INSET –	Summer Holidays	School Closed