

## **St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy - Newsletter July 2020**



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all keeping safe and well during this time.

As you will be aware, last week the Government made an announcement about how students will return to schools in September. We received this information at the same time as you and, although we have obviously been thinking about what may happen in September, we will now be looking at this guidance in detail with support from the Trust. Whilst we appreciate that you and your child will have lots of questions, please be assured that we will release more information as soon as we can.

We can tell you we have started working on a, "Recovery Curriculum" which focuses on 5 main levers of: relationships; community; curriculum; metacognition and space to be a learner again. This is a systematic, relationships-based approach to reigniting the flame of learning in each of our pupils. Advice for this has been written with thanks to Clive Davies who has over 40 years of experience in primary education, has been a head teacher, an Ofsted inspector, advisor, trainer and consultant and has written over 60 educational publications. This work will be tailored to the needs of the children at St Elizabeth's and written by staff now and over the summer.

**Inset** - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July remains an INSET day as in our calendar pre-COVID. The last day of school for children who are currently attending will be Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**Emails** - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July is the date that temporary emails for class teachers that were set up for use during the pandemic will be closed. You will still be able to contact school on our usual email of [info@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk). The teachers have asked me to thank you for all of your kinds words of support during this time. Your lovely messages have been wonderful to receive.

**Transition 2020** - AS you know the outdoor picnics were due to take place this week so that the children could meet their new teachers for next year. To the children who were able to come... it was so wonderful to see your smiling, happy faces return to school, thank you for making the sessions a success and we cannot wait to welcome you all properly in September!

To the children who had their session postponed we will be praying for sunshine next week and will hope to see you all with your picnic blankets on the school field next week!

**Mr Shaefer** - The absolute legend that is Mr Shaefer has now decided to officially retire! Something we never expected, he will be hugely missed by us all, however we know he will visit the school when the pandemic is over and he has promised he will not be a stranger! We want to thank Mr Shaefer for all of his hard work, patience and commitment to the school.

**Governors** - We would also like to offer our thanks to Mrs Sonja Clark, Parent Governor and Mrs Barbara Wareing, Foundation Governor who are both standing down at the end of this last term. Both have played an integral part in the strategic direction of the school – Mrs Wareing is ending a long association with school professionally, originally as Cook/Head Cook and for the last 10 years in her Governing role.

**Back to school** - The children begin school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Keep posted on our website for staggered start times and finishes as we will return with each class becoming a "bubble"

As always, we hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. We wish you all a safe, happy and hopefully sunny break.

Stay safe and God bless.

From Mrs Clemens and all of the staff at St Elizabeth's