

St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy Newsletter June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all keeping safe and well during this unprecedented time. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this newsletter. I cannot stress enough how we would love school to be back to “normal” and whilst we are all working really hard to support children both at home and at school we cannot wait to have everyone back again... we are missing the children! Thank you for your continued support, your kind words and messages really mean a lot.

THANK YOU!

- Thanks to all the staff for their continued hard work and commitment to ensure we are providing a safe environment for the children of our key workers, Year 6, Year 1 and Reception, as well as providing weekly home learning projects.
- Many thanks to our families for your support, patience and words of encouragement over these past few weeks. Your messages have been greatly received.
- Thank you to all who have sent examples of work through the emails to teachers or have completed work in school... we have had an overwhelmingly positive response... here are some of our children's comments so far... John Y6, “I enjoy Purple Mash and I enjoy the work we do on iPads and laptops.” Dan Y4, “I like doing read theory.” Miliana YR, “I like being outside and doing hula hoop.” Holly Y4 and Max Y2 have been doing zoom gymnastics classes twice a week and Max finished his first R Dahl book – The Magic Finger. Ted Y2 and Abigail YR have made a prayer for zoom Church and Ted has been learning about magnets and how they attract and repel. Luca Y2 had the idea of a cake sale so he and his family baked cakes, he designed a poster and told people about the sale and then he hosted a socially distanced cake sale raising £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Mia Y2 enjoyed learning about leopards, white rhinos and guinea pigs. Freddie Y1 has been running a marathon, completing 1.5 miles per day to raise money for Water Aid and NSPCC – so far he's raised £650. Well done everyone, you are brilliant!

Announcements:

St Elizabeth's bubbles: During the past 12 weeks we have taken steps to see our numbers increase and more children are accessing provision as: a child of a key worker; a child who falls into the category of vulnerable; a child in Y6, Y1 or Reception. All our bubbles are now full and we are unable to offer any more provision. However, we have started a waiting list for any other children of a key worker family currently not accessing provision.

Transition 2020: This month is that time of year when, as an academy, we focus our thoughts on transition. I would like to reassure you that this is still our focus. We aim to offer all our children an opportunity to meet their teachers in a way that is safe for all, and in line with social distancing as well as following the health & safety measures set out by the Government and Trust, as many have not accessed the school since 20 March. We will be inviting your child on to the school field for a socially distanced picnic to meet their new teachers. You will be contacted by class teachers (via Twitter or your email) who will let you know the times, dates and details of this meet up.

Reports: You will soon be receiving your child's end of year report. Your child's progress and attendance recorded on the report was up until 20th March (the start of lockdown). These will be sent to you via emails during the wk beg 29th June, please be aware reports for different class groups will be sent out on different days.

Staffing: We are in a time of change at St Elizabeth's and we are saying good bye to staff and welcoming new team members.

- In Reception we will be saying good bye to Mrs Brooks as she leaves to join a nursery, Mrs Wilby will be teaching full time starting in September.
- In Y1 we are happy to welcome the safe arrival of Mrs Acton's baby boy, Alfie Edward who weighed in at a very healthy 9lb 12oz. Mrs Acton will be enjoying her maternity leave and Mrs Turner will continue to teach full time in Sept.
- In Y2 Mrs Grimshaw will be retiring in August, Mrs Heath will continue to work part time and we welcome Mr Ward to Y2 who will also be our Deputy Head teacher from September.
- Y3 will remain with Mrs Parry and Mrs Alton.
- Y4 we are saying good bye to Mr Webster who is hoping to go on to further studies at University. We welcome Miss Holmes who will be full time in Y4.
- Y5 we are saying good bye to Mrs Booth who is relocating to Lincolnshire. We welcome Mr Arthur who will be full time in Y5.
- Y6 we are saying good bye to Mrs Austin who is relocating to Suffolk. We welcome Miss Fitzpatrick who will be full time.

I want to take this opportunity in thanking all staff who are leaving for their hard work and dedication. We wish them all the very best in the next part of their journey. I know you will all welcome our new arrivals and we look forward to properly introducing them to you in the future.

As always we hope this newsletter finds you and your families well.

Stay safe and God bless.