

St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy Newsletter March 2020

Great news... the playground is back in full use! Thank you for your patience with this. The children are delighted to be able to have their full break sessions back outside again.

Thank you also to everyone who came in to school to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass with us. The chaplaincy team did a great job distributing the ashes... thank you to Luca, Skylar, Tommy, Anna, Flo, Dan, Abigail, Patrick, Alfie and Sophie. During Lent, we are thinking about being tempted and how to avoid temptations. Each class will have a donations box and if your family have given up something for Lent and you would like to send money into school Bishop Patrick has asked we support the charity Intercare with their appeal "Fight Infections in Africa".

Pingle Lane

We have had news that our neighbours who are developing the Pingle Lane plot of land will be closing the style for 3 weeks as of Monday 9th March. This will block entrance to the school land via Pingle Lane. If this is your usual journey to/from school you can reroute by coming along past Long Row school and then walking through their car park (remaining on the footpaths) and then over the footbridge. This may affect your family when coming to Parents' Evenings later this month. Long Row School have very kindly given their permission for this to be used over the 3 week period the style will be closed.

Gates being locked

Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe and understanding the gates are for safety reasons. As well as being locked during the day, they will be locked each night between 4-4.30pm. There will be exceptions such as parents evening, concerts and performances.

Parking during morning drop off

You can drop children off from 8.35am onwards; Kidzone is available if you need to drop off earlier due to work commitments. If you need to park to be able to go into school please use the top playground, (this will be locked at 9am). Otherwise, come up the drive on the left hand side, use the turning circle to face your vehicle down the drive and use the car doors on the pavement side to get the children safely into the playground. This should keep the flow of traffic going. Please be mindful that respect needs to be shown to all users of the drive, it is a private drive and can be used by the builders/owners of the private property that used to be the Convent.

Recycling

Thank you to Mrs Clarke for organising the recycling day for Starlight Charity, we raised £53.60. The next charity clothing collection will be on 11th June. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Coronavirus

We will update you as necessary as or when we have any guidance from Public Health England, their advice is changing daily and we will continue to talk to children about avoiding spreading germs when coughing and sneezing and the importance of handwashing. For latest updates

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Dates for your diary:

March

3rd March Y4 Trip to Mount Cook

5th March World Book Day

9th-11th March Y5 Residential trip to White Hall

17th March In school Lenten retreat day for all classes

18th March Father Michael in school offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation to children who wish to do this.

18th & 19th March Parent's Evening 3.30-6pm

18th SEA Mother's Day gift sale

22nd March Mothering Sunday

26th-27th March Y6 residential trip to Kingswood

31st March Y3/4 Easter Performance to school

April

1st April 1.30pm Y3/4 Easter Performance to parents

2nd April Ping Pong Ball Race

3rd April Break up (end of term 3) Easter holiday

20th April Back to school

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