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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to say it has been an absolute privilege to welcome back all of our children to school last week. The excitement and anticipation on their faces was a real joy to behold. A few were understandably nervous and of course, we have a full pastoral programme in place to support any children who are finding it a little more difficult to readjust to school life. If you feel that your child would benefit from additional support in this regard, or would just appreciate a chat, please email your class teacher on the class email and we are happy to help.

We are now well underway with raising money for our CAFOD 'Walk for Water' Appeal. A huge well done to our Year 6 class for their wonderful act of worship all the CAFOD appeal and introducing it so well to us. Thanks also to Mrs Fitzpatrick for putting that together for us all to share.

Please see below for more information on how you can get involved. This act of giving is enabling us to think about three of the most important actions during Lent – 'Pray', 'Stop' and 'Go':

- **Pray** – Spend more time praying for others and becoming closer to God.
- **Stop** – Giving something up that takes up our time and money that we could better use to help others.
- **Go** – Get out there and do good things for others.

Our **Parent Evening Consultations** were a great way to reconnect with our families and share information about the children's learning. Thank you to everyone who attended. We had great take up using our virtual School Cloud video system. The next report that you will receive from us regarding your child/ren's progress will be the written report in July.

## Drop off/pick up and road safety

I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you all for adapting so well to our staggered drop off and collection times. This is helping us to have safe and positive start and



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ends to the school day. Please remember the rules of the road still apply to our driveway and play ground areas, so no mobile phones whilst driving, keep to 5mph or less and be vigilant of keeping children and families safe.

## **Catholic Life**

### **Our Lenten Activities**

Our Lower KS2 children (Years 3 and 4) will be preparing an Easter Play to help us to reflect upon the Easter story. This will be shared with families during our final week of term. There will also be a Stations of the Cross liturgy being sent out to our families featuring Y5 and all other classes.

### **Lenten Giving – CAFOD’s ‘Walk for Water’ Appeal**

As part of our Lenten fundraising, we have decided to complete the CAFOD ‘Walk for Water’ campaign to raise money to help communities around the world to access clean, safe drinking water. During this Lenten period, we will be aiming to walk 10,000 steps, every day, for 40 days. We would love for you to join us in this mission and aim to walk the 10,000 steps each day, either by yourself, or as a family. Of course, this is a sponsored event so your child/family is encouraged to find as much sponsorship as possible. This can be via the sponsorship form (already emailed out to you). All proceeds will be donated to CAFOD.

### **SATs Tests for KS1 and KS2 (Years 2 and 6)**

In line with the government announcement, due to the pandemic, SATs for Years 2 and 6 will not be taking place this year but will be replaced by teacher assessment. We shall send the relevant year groups more information on this soon.

### **Change of Address/Phone Number/Email**

If your address, phone number or email address has changed recently, please ensure that you inform the school office via [info@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk). This will help us to stay in touch with you.

### **Newsletters**

Thank you for the positive response to our newsletters. We will continue to put them on the school website and also send out via class emails. If ever you should need a printed copy, please email ([info@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)) or phone the school office (01773 822278) to request one and we can get that out to you.

### **Uniform Update**

After the Easter holiday, children should return wearing our summer uniform. For girls, this consists of a yellow checked dress, a brown cardigan, white socks and black shoes or white



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polo shirt and black trousers. For boys, this consists of a brown, v-neck jumper, a white polo shirt, black trousers or shorts, grey socks and black shoes. Please do ensure that all items of uniform are labelled.

On PE days the children can come to school in their PE kit and trainers or pumps. The PE uniform is plain black joggers (no brand), or black shorts (again, not branded), yellow polo shirt and yellow PE sweatshirt

With the possible reopening of shops and personal care services during the Easter holidays, naturally this is often the time when children will visit the hairdresser for a new haircut and the shoe shop for new school shoes. Just a reminder then, that school shoes should be black, closed toe and flat. Boots and trainers must not be worn as part of our school uniform. In respect of hairstyles, we must stress that hair dye, tramlines or other shaved patterns are not appropriate for school and should we see pupils with these, we will ask for the styles to be corrected. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

### **Absence Reporting**

Please make sure you leave a message informing us of a pupil's absence by 8.55am. If you cannot be contacted by phone, this may lead to a home visit. This is in line with the latest Safeguarding guidance after a recent serious case review in Hackney. If there is no reply during a home visit, we then have a duty to inform the police. We require a daily phone call before 8.55am for the duration of the absence. When calling to report your child as absent, the reason for absence must be as specific as possible – e.g. eye infection rather than sick or unwell.

### **Dates for your Diary...**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Review day for children with APDR's (Assess, Plan, Do and Review forms) communication via School Cloud.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Please return sponsor forms and money for the Lenten "Walk for Water" appeal.

Thursday 1st April: Last day of term. Non-uniform day to support the CAFOD "walk for Water" appeal. Please allow children to wear something that they can be active in as all classes will try to complete 10,000 steps in a variety of ways on this day. Please donate £1, if you are able.

Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April Easter Holidays School Closed

Monday 19th April All pupils return for the start of the Pentecost term.

Thursday 29th April: 8:50am Class 5 Assembly Subject to consent, parents of Class 5 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.



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Monday 3rd May: Bank Holiday School Closed

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June Pentecost Half term School Closed

Friday 9th July: End of Day Reports go out to parents via email.

Wednesday 14th July: 3:30pm - 5pm Reports Consultation Evening Appointments to be made should you wish to speak to your child's class teacher about something specific on the report.

Wednesday 21st July: Break up for summer holiday (22<sup>nd</sup> July is an INSET).



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