

St Elizabeth's School RE Newsletter

July 2021

Dear Parents,



End of School Year

The end of the school year provides us with a perfect opportunity to reflect on the things we can be thankful for and look back with eyes of faith on all the wonderful gifts that God has given us during the year. We look forward to a new start in September and with the hope that life and school will be more normal.

As the end of the school year approaches, children will experience a myriad of feelings: excitement about the holidays; happiness about seeing our extended families; and nervousness about moving into a different year group. God is with us in all of those feelings.

Think back over the past year....

God has been with us through both the good times and challenging times.

Why not discuss with your child...?:

Can we as individuals and as families celebrate all we have achieved?

What can we give thanks for?



Goodbye Year 6 and Year 6 Leavers Liturgy

On Tuesday 20th July, there will be a Y6 Leavers' Liturgy in school. The liturgy will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Y6 and to give thanks for this special group of children.

We especially pray for all of Year 6. We know it can be emotional and a little daunting to move on but we hope that the friendships you've formed will give you confidence to set out on your next journey, and you can feel pride in everything you've achieved.

May God bless you, guide your footsteps, and keep you in his love.

Class assemblies

During the summer term each class from Reception to Year 5 has prepared a class assembly and shared this with families via Google classroom.

Assemblies are important acts of worship and continue to be an important part of each class' daily worship and liturgy.

All children have an important role in this liturgy and take the role on responsibly.

Through assembly children communicate important messages about how we should live based on the Gospel values.

After each assembly each class then reflects on this message and builds it into the choices they make in their daily life.

Links with St. Elizabeth's Catholic School Parishes

St Elizabeth's School community have been very fortunate to have the support from the four parishes in enabling the children to participate in Mass via zoom.

We would like to thank Fr. Stephen, from St. Elizabeth of Portugal Parish, Fr. Peter and Fr. Robert from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Fr. Brian, from St. Winifred's Parish, and Mgr. Bill, from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish.



Everyone Plays a Part

In June, children learned through Refugee Week that we are not made to live independently from each other, but to support each other.

In July, children built upon this knowledge through the learning in their new RE topic- Universal World.

At present every class is learning about a topic connected with our world.

The children are learning that the whole world is God's gift to us and everything in the world is special. Of all God's creations, people are the most important.

We have a responsibility to look after God's world and all those who live in it.

The children are learning that we belong to one world and one global family.

Through their RE topic children will explore how CAFOD help people who live in poverty.

Children are being asked to reflect upon how they can people who are in need in their local community and in the world

Discuss with your child:

What you can personally do to play a part in making the world a better place both locally and globally?

How you can help those in the world who are in need - both locally and globally?



Creator God,
Your world is a wonderful and beautiful place,
full of variety, full of wonder, full of life.
Teach us to care for each other and for the earth,
and help us to build a world
that is filled with your love and goodness.
Amen.



Friendship is one of life's gifts and a grace from God.

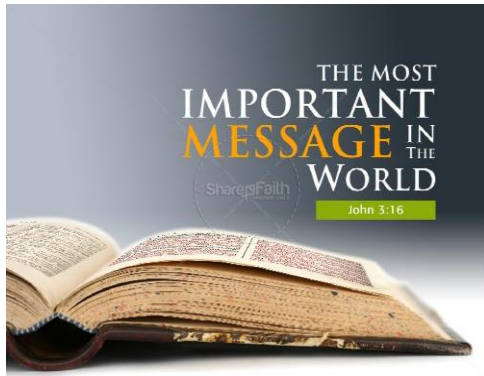
– Pope Francis

In the month of July, Pope Francis calls on all to become “architects of dialogue and friendship” to solve the conflicts and causes of division that exist in society and among individual people.

Through discussion and through our actions we can model the importance of friendship and the steps we need to take for reconciliation when there is a disagreement.

We can discuss as families that we are all equal in the eyes of God and that we should treat everyone we meet with respect and dignity.

In addition, Pope Francis asks that we extend a hand to each other, and especially to always be at the side of the “most impoverished and vulnerable”. This relates well to our RE topic-universal world.



Hear His Call

Jesus called the twelve disciples and began to send them out two by two. He gave them what they needed for the mission. He told them to take nothing for the journey except a walking stick. No food, no rucksack, no money. He told them to wear only what they needed, taking no extra clothes.

So the disciples set off to different towns and stayed amongst the people there for a while. They told the people in the towns to be sorry for what they had done wrong. They were able to help many and cured others who were sick.

Paraphrased from Mark 6:7 - 13

This Gospel shows Jesus calling His twelve disciples to leave the comfort of their own home and go out on a mission to preach the Good News.

In the Gospel assembly children discussed what it means to 'be called' and they explored and learned that we are all called to do something special.

Through hearing and answering Jesus call we are commissioned by Jesus to spread His love through our words and actions.

We discussed the sorts of choices we make that reflects 'our calling'

Discuss with your child:

How are you going to spread Jesus' love through your thoughts, words and actions over the summer holidays?



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"Love one another as I have loved you"

Pupil Chaplains

Chaplains

Thank you to the team of dedicated Y6 chaplains who promoted living the Gospel values and our school mission statement.

At present the Y6 chaplains are organising a foodbank collection to help those in need in our local community.

In July we have appointed a new team of chaplains from Y5 in readiness for September.

There will be a special Mass in September in which the new chaplains will be commissioned into their new role.

We are looking forward to the chaplains carrying out this important role in September.

Thank you from St. Elizabeth's School Community



St. Elizabeth's school community would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support this year and to the children for working so hard during the past school year!

It has been our privilege to offer families support and guidance through our RE newsletters.

Please can you complete the parent questionnaire via the link below?

<https://forms.gle/Qn67EZRp5xN9yYGn8>

Your views are important to us and we endeavour to continue to improve our practice by including your ideas.

May the God of peace and love be with you and your families over the Summer holidays.

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