

## St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School "Love one another as I have loved you"

Autumn First Half-Term 2023 Pupil-Chaplains' Newsletter

# Who are the Chaplains?

We would like to introduce you to this year's Y6 chaplaincy team.

The pupil chaplains this year are the WHOLE of year 6, which is very important and impressive.

Every member of our team wrote a letter and had an interview outlining why they would like this role and what they could offer towards the role.

All Pupil Chaplains are very grateful and really honoured to be given this vital role.

# What is the role of Chaplains?

Our team of Pupil Chaplains perform many duties throughout the school year including:

- Meeting weekly to discuss how the team can enhance the Religious and Spiritual Life of our school
- Supporting the delivery of the Gospel message each week in the Gospel assembly.
- Encouraging the children to live out their faith.
- Leading Bible Club in KS1 and teaching children about their faith to enable them to act more like Jesus.
- Leading parents and visitors in tours around the school
- Helping our brothers and sisters who are in need both near and far by being active Global citizens

## **Pupil Chaplain Interactive Prayer Table**



As a follow-up from the Gospel assemblies during September and October, the Pupil Chaplains have created an interactive prayer table in the hall based on the importance of each of our families

The focus of the prayer table in the hall was to encourage children to bring in a photograph of their family and place it in the 'St. Elizabeth's Family' book.

Children placed the photograph of their family in the special book. They then lit a candle and said a thanksgiving prayer for their family.



### Mass

Pupil Chaplains were commissioned to serve as Pupil Chaplains during the Mass to celebrate the Start of the School Year.

During the Mass, the Pupil Chaplains were blessed by Mgr. Bill and received their chaplains' badges. Mgr. Bill emphasised the importance of our role. He also highlighted that through this service of being Pupil Chaplains we are following Jesus' example. We were really proud and excited to be commissioned into this important role.

## **Pupil Chaplain Assemblies**



The Pupil Chaplains have been working hard organising this half-term's fundraising events to support our brothers and sisters who are in need.

Some of the fundraising events that the Pupil Chaplains have organised have included:

### **Rugby World Cup Challenge and Quiz**

The aim of the challenge was to learn which countries were taking part in the rugby world cup, their capital city, their flag and continent.

The quiz was very exciting. There was a tie between Mr. Askin and Mrs Knowles. Mrs Knowles won the tie breaker!

This event raised over £500 to support the victims of the earthquakes in Afghanistan and the victims who were affected by the floods in Libya.

### Cake Sale for MacMillan



The Pupil Chaplains organised a cake sale to support the charity 'Macmillan Cancer Research'. Years 5 and 6 were asked to bake or buy cakes to bring in (The amount of cakes people brought was amazing!) Thank you to all the parents and students that helped to make this possible. Y6 Pupil Chaplains sold the cakes after school-Over £300 was raised.

### **Brighten-Up for Harvest**



Another fundraiser that was organised was 'Brighten Up for Harvest. During this assembly, Pupil Chaplains shared that there are many people in our global community who have been affected by floods, droughts and climate change. These people need our help and that is why Pupil Chaplains decided to take part in CAFOD's Brighten Up for Harvest fundraiser.

Every pupil brought in a food donation in return for wearing a colourful item of clothes. Over 20 bags of food were donated to the local foodbank!

Pupil Chaplains would like to thank the whole of St. Elizabeth's School community for all their support during the fundraising events.

### The Rosary



Pupil Chaplains explained that the Rosary is a special prayer that tells us about the life of Jesus and his Mother, Mary. The month of October is the month of the Rosary.

The Pupil Chaplains led the whole school in reading scripture and praying a decade of The Rosary together.

### **Bible Club**



Pupil chaplains have led liturgies in Key Stage 1 to small groups of children on the miracle of loaves and fishes.

Pupil Chaplains read the story of Jesus performing one of his miracles, as he fed 5000 of his followers with only a few loaves of bread and fishes.

We discussed with the children how the story shows that sharing is important and we emphasised the importance of listening to Jesus and following Jesus' example.

We created their own age-appropriate follow up activities including dramatizing the story through other resources. Children also wrote thank you prayers.

We look forward to sharing more about our activities in our next Pupil Chaplains' newsletter.

# The Pupil Chaplains