



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

Pupil Chaplain Newsletter Second Half of Autumn Term 2023

Pupil Chaplain Interactive Prayer Table - November



Every half-term Pupil Chaplains create an interactive display in the hall.

During November we remember those who have died.

In assembly, the Pupil Chaplains shared photographs of their family members and loved ones who have died. The photographs of loved ones were displayed on a special 'Friends in Heaven' table in the hall.

The pupil chaplains invited the children to bring in photographs and to share memories of loved ones from their family.

All the photographs were displayed on the 'Friends in Heaven' table and were looked after by the Pupil Chaplains.

Pupil Chaplains encouraged children to write prayers for family and friends who have died.

It was really lovely to see children praying here during playtimes and lunchtimes.

Pupil Chaplain Interactive Prayer Table - December



Through this Pupil Chaplain interactive display, children were encouraged to undertake 'Acts of Kindness' and spend time with Jesus during Advent, by praying and going to Mass.

The children annotated on an Advent calendar the 'Acts of Kindness' they have undertaken.

Pupil Chaplain Assemblies

Pupil Chaplains have led three whole school assemblies during the second half term:

The first assembly – Remembering our Friends in Heaven.

Pupil Chaplains invited the children to bring in photographs and share memories of family and friends who are in Heaven with Jesus.

The Pupil Chaplains taught the children how to pray the special Remembrance prayer.

Remembrance Prayer

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen

In assemblies during November, children, from every class, came up to the front of the assembly, showed their photographs and shared special memories of their special person.

Then as a whole school community we prayed together for our families and friends in Heaven.

The photographs of loved ones were displayed on a special remembrance table.



Second assembly - Peace Assembly

During the second Pupil Chaplain assembly it was highlighted that there were a lot of countries at war. The Pupil Chaplains asked us to pray for peace.

'In our world today we have a lot of conflict. In many countries in our world people are fighting. People are at war.'

This has had a massive impact on their lives- millions of people have had to leave their homes.

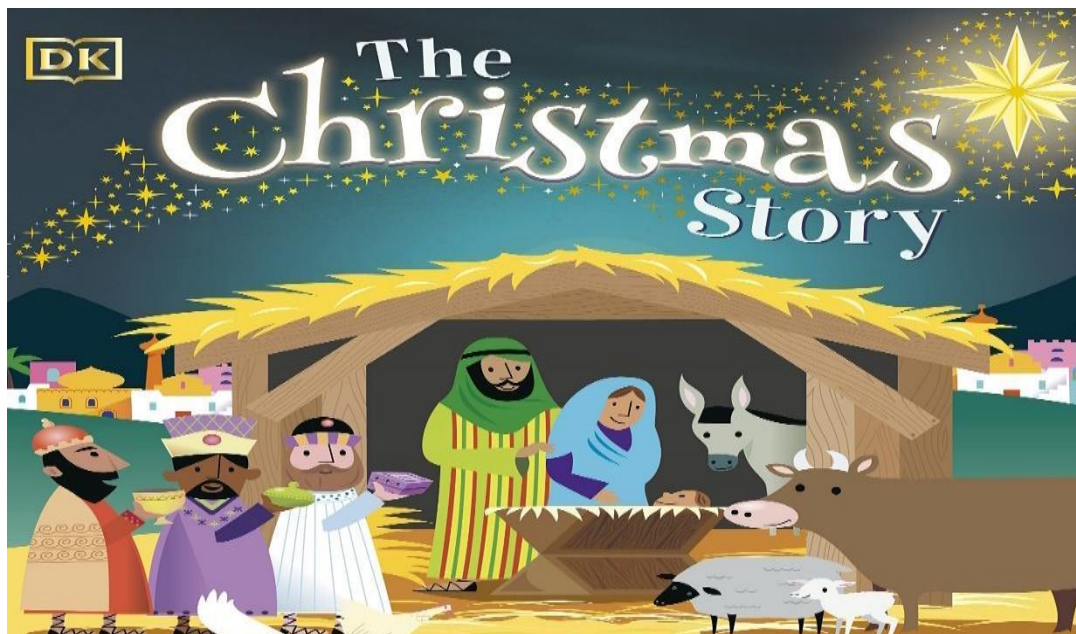
They have no food and no medical supplies.

We have to make a meaningful impact.

(Extract from the Pupil Chaplains assembly PowerPoint)

Pupil Chaplains asked us to pray for peace in our world.

Third assembly - Advent and Prayer Pilgrim Packets



During the third assembly, Pupil Chaplains highlighted that Advent is a really important time in the liturgical year of the church.

One of the Pupil Chaplains' targets is to encourage St. Elizabeth's community to pray more.

Pupil Chaplains created Christmas Prayer Packets to help families to pray more at home. They shared that Advent is a time when we prepare our hearts and minds for celebrating Jesus' birth at Christmas.

Pupil Chaplains asked that the St. Elizabeth's School community carry out 'Acts of Kindness'.

Pupil Chaplains sent home an Advent Calendar on which to annotate acts of kindness.

Ideas of 'Acts of Kindness' included praying more, fundraising for our brothers and sisters during Advent, and helping at home.

A children's version of 'The Story of the First Christmas' moved through each class.

As the story was read - each family shared the journey of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Baby Jesus. Families reflected how they can also go on a journey during Advent: A journey when they reflect and think about how they can prepare for the birth of Baby Jesus by becoming more like Jesus in the choices they make.



Pupil Chaplains chose 'The Catholic Children's Society (CCS)' as their Advent charity.

Parents and carers were invited to make a donation to the CSS after each of our Advent concerts: Reception singing carols around the tree; Key stage 1 Nativity and Key Stage 2 Advent Service.

Our collections for the Catholic Children's Society after all of our Advent performances raised an amazing £1,084.80. This money will go directly to families in crisis within the London area.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

December



During December Pupil Chaplains led liturgies in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to small groups of children on the theme of 'The Good Samaritan'.

Pupil Chaplains read the story of 'The Good Samaritan'.

Through drama and role play the Pupil Chaplains led discussions on which adult made the right choice.

The Pupil Chaplains embedded the message that we should help our brothers and sisters in need. Pupil Chaplains underlined that it is sometimes difficult making the correct decision.

Pupil Chaplains encouraged the children to make the right choices both home and in school.

Thank you for your support of our work during the Autumn Term. We look forward to continuing our work throughout the Spring and Summer Terms.

The Pupil Chaplains