

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

# Half-termly Spring 2 Pupil Chaplain Newsletter 2022



# Pupil- Chaplain Assembly

Pupil Chaplains continue to encourage and lead the whole of St. Elizabeth's Community, both adults and children, to live their faith in their daily living. This was particularly evident during the season of Lent.

Pupil Chaplains led three whole school assemblies in March:

During the first assembly the Pupil Chaplains launched the St. Elizabeth's Lenten Challenge 'Pray Act and Give'.

Children were encouraged to make their prayer life richer and more focussed by praying more frequently. Children were encouraged to

help others with acts of service and to raise money to help vulnerable people who are in need. Pupil Chaplains sent home a Lenten calendar for children to annotate how they are living out our Lenten Challenge at home. In school pupils were also encouraged to live out this Lenten Challenge each day. Children annotated on hand templates how they lived out their Lenten challenge and placed their annotated hand on a tree in the interactive prayer area. Children made the link that when you give you grow as a person.



During the second assembly Pupil Chaplains re-enacted the story of The Good Samaritan. Jesus was asked, 'Who is my neighbour?' In response Jesus told the parable of 'The Good Samaritan'. The children reflected on who was the good neighbour in the parable and identified that it was the Samaritan.

In this assembly we reflected as a community who were our neighbours. We discovered people in our class, our street, our community and our world are our neighbours.

The message that we should help neighbours and those in need was clearly demonstrated.

During this assembly all pupils and staff prayed for peace throughout the world especially in Ukraine. Everyone held hands to pray and sing 'You are my brother'.



The third assembly launched St. Elizabeth's Peace Day.

During St. Elizabeth's Peace Day assembly, it was emphasized that Jesus said, Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you."

Jesus wants us to live in peace.

Pupil Chaplains asked children to write words of hope and peace on hearts for the intention of the Ukrainian people. The words of hope were written in a variety of languages.

These words of hope are displayed in the hall on our world board.



There is a famous prayer, written by St Teresa of Avila, which reminds us that Jesus uses us to spread his gospel of peace, through our words and actions.



Let us pray,

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,

No feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes, through which his love looks out to the world.

Yours are the feet, with which he goes about doing good.

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses people now.

#### Amen

## Pupil Chaplains Fundraiser



Pupil Chaplains organised a fundraising event to raise money to help the people of Ukraine.



Children wore clothes that represented a country they were from or connected to in return for bringing in a money donation.

By wearing our own clothes to represent different countries, Pupil Chaplains shared that we are showing that we are brothers and sisters of the world.

As brothers and sisters of the world we pray and help each other.

Approximately £800 was raised and was given to 'Disasters and Emergency' fund in support of Ukraine.

## Bible Club



During the second half of the Spring term, Pupil chaplains have led liturgies in Reception, Year1, Year 2 and Year 3 to small groups of children on the theme of Lent.

Pupil Chaplains led liturgies on 'The Temptation of Jesus in the desert' and 'The Lost Sheep'

Both liturgies focused on growing closer to Jesus by saying no to temptation and realising that it is important to say sorry and to ask for forgiveness when you make the wrong choice.

Pupil Chaplains created their own age appropriate follow up activities including role play, drawing, writing prayers etc. to reinforce this important message.