



St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our third week of home learning, and in fact the end of the Spring Term, I write once again to keep in touch with you all.

Holy Week

School has certainly been a very quiet place without the usual buzz of school life. We are all missing the children and each other as we have a very limited staff rota to look after children of our key workers. This week I have felt it most, as Holy Week, the greatest week of our liturgical year, is always such a special time in school. A time filled with so many opportunities for the children to reflect on the events of the final week of Jesus' life.

In yesterday's Gospel we reflected upon Jesus washing his Disciples' feet which is a clear example of service and a demonstration of God's humble love. Jesus asks his disciples, and through them, us, to take care of others as he has taken care of them, and us. Today, I feel this is even more poignant as we see this love in action in so many areas. Communities coming together to support the isolated, the lonely, the housebound and the sick, just as we were commanded to do. Love one another as I have loved you. I am sure when this is all over, we will come through it a little more grateful for the simple things in life!

Today, Good Friday, we recount the journey and the suffering Jesus took for all of us and perhaps today we can spend some time remembering that Jesus died on Good Friday. We can ask God to be close to all those who are suffering in the world today in any way and those suffering through the coronavirus pandemic.

Home Learning

Once again, it has been lovely to see some of the work and fun learning the children have been enjoying whilst at home, in particular the work around Holy Week. We have seen beautiful creative Easter gardens, some lovely prayers, letters to each other recounting Jesus' final week and so many other wonderful activities. The children are clearly still '*letting their lights shine*' in so many ways. The staff are continuing to work hard to plan interesting, exciting and manageable tasks for your children to enjoy at home. Please remember your children are now 'officially' on their Easter Holiday so perhaps go a little easy on them next week and let them enjoy a well-deserved rest and make the most of the sunshine!



Finally, on behalf of all the staff we would like to wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter and a lovely restful weekend. Please keep safe everybody.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Kelly
Headteacher

Easter Reflection

Dear God,

We remember today, the pain and suffering of the cross, and all that Jesus was willing to endure, so we could be set free. He paid the price, such a great sacrifice, to offer us the gift of eternal life.

Help us never to take for granted this huge gift of love on our behalf. Help us to be reminded of the cost of it all. Forgive us for being too busy, or distracted by other things, for not fully recognizing what you freely given, what you have done for us.

Thank you Lord that by your wounds we are healed. Thank you that because of your huge sacrifice we can live free. Thank you that sin and death have been conquered, and that your Power is everlasting.

Thank you that we can say with great hope, "It is finished..." For we know what's still to come. And death has lost its sting. We praise you for you are making all things new.

Amen

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