



St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

Headteacher:
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Monday 11th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a nice weekend and took time to partake in some form of VE day celebrations!

As we enter week 8 of lockdown, I am sure you were all watching the Prime Minister's briefing last night. We are being asked to Stay Alert, Control the Virus, Save Lives.

The PM talked about the possibility of some children returning to school – Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This will have left many of you with lots of questions as to what this will look like. We too, only saw the announcement last night and we are not yet in a position to answer all your questions or concerns. However, in the short-term, nothing has changed. We await further guidance from the DfE and Local Authority, and, as soon as we can, we will share our plans going forward.

Please be reassured that all decisions regarding school re-opening will be taken with the care, safety and protection of all our staff, children and parents.

Staff News

As you are aware Mrs Duffy left St. Elizabeth's to take up a position at St. Anthony's. Fortunately, we were able to successfully recruit for a new Administrator prior to the school closure. I am pleased to inform you that the Governors have successfully appointed Mrs Victoria Fletcher to join our office team. I am sure you will make her feel very welcome as you get to know her in the coming months.

It is with sadness that I inform you that, after more than 16 years, Miss Mellett, our Y6 Teaching Assistant, will leave St. Elizabeth's to take up a new position at St. Paul's High School. Over her many years of service at St. Elizabeth's she has been a wonderful support to many families and children. She is often the one that children seek out if they are upset or worried about anything and she takes these skills with her as she leaves to support older children at St. Paul's. We will miss her but thank her for her dedication, commitment and support as a friend and colleague and wish her well in her new role. Miss Mellett leaves St. Elizabeth's on May 22nd. We will of course invite her back to say a proper farewell once we are able to do so.

It is congratulations to Mrs Galvin who is expecting her second child in September. Mrs Galvin will begin her maternity leave at the beginning of September.

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Thank you





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May Devotion to Mary

Pope Francis has issued a letter to all the faithful asking us to make Mary the Mother of God a focus during the month of May. The letter includes prayers to Our Lady that Pope Francis has written himself. The letter can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2020/05/01/rediscover-the-beauty-of-praying-the-rosary-at-home-during-the-month-of-may-pope-francis/>

This is always a special month in school as our prayer club often meet to pray the rosary during lunchtime and we always hold a special 'Crowning of Mary' service. Perhaps take time as a family to carry out this tradition.



Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass on Wednesday 13th May 2020 from the Cathedral at 12.15pm for the intentions of all those working in our schools. The Mass will be live-streamed and can be accessed via the Diocesan Website: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/live-masses>

These are both good opportunities for us to be together spiritually whilst we cannot be together physically.

Please keep safe everybody.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Kelly
Headteacher

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