

## St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

The beautiful sunshine has made our return to school after the Easter holiday even more joyful! The children have returned happy and ready to enjoy the summer term. Summer term is always an exciting term as we have lots of events including: class trips, sports week and class assemblies to look forward to.

On Thursday, Hannah from CAFT visited our school to talk to the children about the incredible work the charity does, but most importantly thank the children for the many Easter eggs that were donated during Lent. Hannah was blown away to discover we'd also been busy fundraising with our sponsored events; we were delighted to tell her that we'll be donating £1000 to CAFT following our Lenten fundraising. Once again thank you for your support during Lent; fundraising during this time is a long-standing tradition at St Elizabeth's and something we look forward to year on year. It's been an honour to donate such a substantial amount of money to a charity that has supported our school for the past two years meaning that many more children can visit CAFT making memories to last a lifetime.

Today, our playground was filled with colour and laughter as our children wore their Easter Bonnets with pride. Well done to everyone for taking part this afternoon, we hope you enjoyed the event; as always we're blown away by your creativity.

I'm sure you've noticed the buzz around school as our children are hunting for 'Golden Tickets' in our PTA fundraiser. This has been an extremely popular fundraiser and we're looking forward to the 'Golden Ticket Prize Draw' which will take place in next week's Gold Award assembly.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Simmons

Happy Easter!



### Reflection

In Sunday's Gospel, we hear how two of the disciples went on a journey to a village called Emmaus. Along the way, they met someone really special, although they didn't recognise him at first.

Jesus was crucified two days before and the disciples are confused because the women have just come back from Jesus' tomb saying that it is empty. They meet a man along the road and walk with him. The man explains the Scriptures to the disciples so they understand that Jesus is risen from the dead. Finally the disciples persuade the man to come and eat with them. The man takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and shares it with the disciples. Suddenly, they realise who it is.

We are all made in the image of God and Jesus is in each and every person, but often we forget this. We do not take the time to recognise how important and special each person is.

But our eyes can be opened just like the disciples in this story. If we take the time to get to know others, to share food with them, perhaps we will come to see Christ in these people, our brothers and sisters, who are all part of God's family around the world.



## In the Spotlight – Year 1

The topic we completed last term was 'Royal Patrons'. In history, we found out about Queen Victoria (Victorian era) and Queen Elizabeth. We looked at where both queens lived and found out that Queen Victoria is Queen Elizabeth's great-great grandmother. It also reiterated our learning of Paddington as revisited the famous locations in London. We covered the topic in our English lessons by completing the comical story 'The Queen's knickers' by Nicholas Allan.



We acted out our puppet shows for the reception children.



In Design Technology, we learnt many skills by designing and making hand puppets.

Then, in groups, we acted out our puppet shows to the reception children. In Maths, we continued to add, subtract, share (divide), double numbers counting in

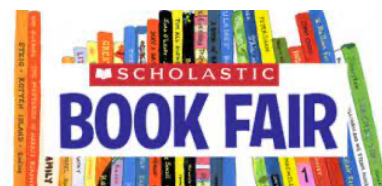
2s, 5s and 10s. We also continued to complete the whole, part of numbers, missing numbers and measurements. In Science, we covered animals including humans: finding out about what we need to survive. In Religion, our theme was 'Families and Celebrations' and we heard the Bible stories of 'The Presentation at the Temple,' 'Jesus and the Fishermen,' and 'The Good Samaritan.' We also prepared ourselves during Lent leading up to Holy Week where we all enjoyed acting out the story of Palm Sunday.



This term, we are completing the topic 'Never Eat Shredded Wheat'. We started it this week by using an ordinance map of London and followed the directions using our compass points.

## Book Fair

Next week, the Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Throughout the week, the classes will visit the Book Fair and enjoy reading the books. After school each day, the Book Fair will be open for you to visit and purchase a book for your child.



Children will have the opportunity to win a voucher to spend at the Book Fair. A percentage of the sales from the fair are donated to school so we can buy new books for our school library.



## Attendance

Attendance Expectations

100% - 98%	0 - 4 Days off	Good
98% - 95%	4 - 10 Days off	Requires Improvement
95% - 90%	10 - 20 Days off	At Risk of Persistent Absence
Below 90%	20+ Days off	Child in Persistent Absence

### Attendance WC 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

Year	%
Nursery	90.7%
Reception	81.7%
Year 1	88.7%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	91%

There are 191 pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

Congratulations to **Nursery** with best **punctuality** and **Year 5** with the best **attendance** this week!

The whole school attendance this week was 91.6%.

## PTA Update

We would like to thank all of your support in the Easter Bonnet Parade and our PTA Golden Ticket Prize Draw. For those lucky winners, please can you write your child's name and year group on the back of the Golden Ticket and hand it into the school office. We look forward to revealing the winners of the prizes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April in our Gold Award assembly at 9:05am.



### Class Assemblies

We are delighted to invite you to class assemblies during the Summer Term when each class will be able to showcase their learning and talents. Please take note of the dates so you can enjoy your child's performance.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 4 Class Assembly

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Nursery Class Assembly (2:15pm)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Reception Class Assembly

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 3 Class Assembly

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 Class Assembly

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 2 Class Assembly

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 1 Class Assembly

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

**Class Assemblies will take place during our Gold Award Assembly starting at 9:05am.** The only exception to this is the **Nursery assembly** which is taking place at **2:15pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.**

Dates for your diary:



### April

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Book Fair in school

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Class Assembly, 9:05am

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** – NEU Strike Day – School closed to Reception, Year 4 and Year 6

### May

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Bank Holiday (school closed)

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – NEU Strike Day – School closed to Reception, Year 4 and Year 6

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 5 boys attending MUFC Tournament

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3 First Holy Communion

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Bank Holiday (school closed)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Nursery Class Assembly (2:15pm)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Reception Class Assembly

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** – School closes at 3pm for half term

