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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We began the week with the first of our class assemblies for the summer term. Year 4 led a wonderful assembly reflecting on friendship. The children acted the story of Jesus helping the disciples to catch fish saying, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." It was a pleasure to watch the Year 4 children speak so confidently and sing so beautifully for the whole school, parents and grandparents. Well done Year 4!

Our Year 3 children have been busy preparing for next Saturday when they will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Next week, I will be accompanying the children to church as we begin our final preparations for Mass on Saturday 6th May.

May is always an important month for us as the month is well known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As the month of May is such a significant month for our Year 3 children preparing for First Holy Communion and our Year 6 children who are making their final preparations for the SATs assessments please join me in asking for Mary's intercession for these children.

Finally, a huge thank you for your continued generosity for our recent PTA events, there was plenty of excitement in our Gold Award Assembly as we announced the Easter Bonnet design winners and our Golden Ticket draw winners.

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend,

Miss Simmons

Congratulations to our Gold Award Winners



Reflection

Mary, mother of God, Mary mother of compassion, we ask for your prayers. Mother of all who are poor, you said 'yes' to God's call.

We give thanks for the inspiration of all the women who have answered God's call throughout time – for those who are known as saints and for those whose names are hidden but whose work lives on.

We celebrate the example of women who transform their own lives and the lives of others, by answering Christ's call to feed those who are hungry and give drink to those who thirst.

Mary, mother of us all, the urgent cries of the hungry can still be heard today – call us to answer, help us to hear. Inspire us and move us, as we battle to bring about a better world.

Amen



In the Spotlight – Nursery

Nursery have come back after the Easter break full of energy and eager to learn. We have been busy starting our new topic 'It Grew and It grew!'

This half term we will be finding out about life cycles! We are very lucky to have some ducklings in Nursery. The eggs arrived last week in their incubator and they very soon hatched. The children were in awe as they watched them break free of their eggs and hatch. We have named the ducks Daisy, Lily, Frank, Max and Bella. It was all very exciting!

We have already created some super duck paintings and frog masks, using a variety of observational painting and printing techniques.

We will also be learning about the life cycle of a frog and sunflower and planting our own sunflower seeds in the Early years garden. We are enjoying lots of stories around ducks and growing and keeping a record of our ducklings as they grow.



This week we have enjoyed using the puppets to sing the songs 5 Little ducks and 5 speckled frogs. with our friends. We have been finding out lots of facts about ducklings and frogs!

In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on

recognising numbers to five and beyond and careful 1:1 counting to 10. We will be creating repeating patterns using two colours and if we are really good at this, we may use three colours!

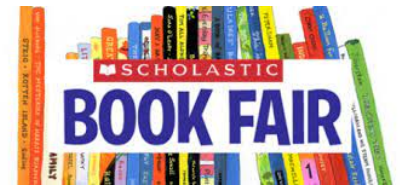
Next week we will be learning about the King's Coronation and finding out what a Coronation is through lots of different activities.

We certainly have another busy and fun half term ahead in Nursery!



Book Fair

As you know we've had the Scholastic Book Fair in school this week. The feedback from children and parents has been fantastic! It's been great to see so many children being treated to a book to take home. Thank you for supporting our Book Fair, the sales made have generated £461.29 of free 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 24th April, 2023

Year	%
Nursery	97.3%
Reception	84.7%
Year 1	91.3%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	90.2%

There are 194 pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

Congratulations to **Year 5** with best **punctuality** and to **Nursery** and **Year 2** with the best **attendance** this week!

The whole school attendance this week was 93.9%.

PTA Update

We would like to thank you for your support in the Easter Bonnet Parade and our Golden Ticket Prize Draw. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

We're now busy planning our Summer Fair which will take place on Friday 7th July, straight after school.

We'll be collecting different items and holding own clothes days to help collect prizes for our tombola's. Watch this space!



Top Tweets



Please look at the tweets below, they give a great sense of what St. Elizabeth's is all about! If you don't already follow us on Twitter you'll find us at @stelizabethsm22



St. Elizabeth's MCR @stelizabethsm22 · 24 Apr
Congratulations to Year 4 who led a beautiful Liturgical Prayer on the theme of 'Friendship.'



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Dates for your diary:

May

Monday 1st – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 2nd - NEU Strike Day – School closed to Reception, Year 4 and Year 6

Friday 5th May – Year 5 boys attending MUFC Tournament

Saturday 6th – Year 3 First Holy Communion

Monday 8th – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 12th – Nursery Class Assembly (2:15pm)

Friday 19th – Reception Class Assembly, 9:05am

Friday 19th – School closes at 3pm for half term

June

Friday 9th – Year 3 Class Assembly, 9:05am

Friday 16th – Year 5 Class Assembly, 9:05am

Friday 23rd – Year 3 Retreat Day

Friday 30th – Year 2 Class Assembly, 9:05am

July

Monday 3rd – Year 5 attending St Paul's Sports Day

Friday 7th – Year 1 Class Assembly, 9:05am

Friday 7th – Summer Fair from 3pm

Wednesday 12th – Year 6 Production

Wednesday 19th – Year 2 Leavers Mass

Friday 21st – Year 6 Assembly, 9:05am

Friday 21st - School Closes for Summer Holidays at 1:15pm

