

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

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Virtue & Value Focus: Attentive and Discerning—Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

This weeks school attendance: 94.3% School target attendance 97% This weeks winning classes are: Y3 & Y6 98.6%
Rec: 91.3% Year 1: 92.3% Year 2: 92% Year 3: 98.6% Year 4: 98.1% Year 5: 94.3% Year 6: 98.6%

Holy Week and Easter Break

We break up today for our Spring break and will sadly not be in school next week for Holy Week. Yesterday and today, our children enjoyed a special 'Walk Through Holy Week' with a variety of special prayer stations—please see Class Dojo for photos. As we break today we continue our focus on our Easter preparations and all of our children will be taking home a small palm cross in readiness for Palm Sunday, this Sunday. Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy week, the day when we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, maybe they could bring this cross to mass on Sunday to show and share in the celebrations? Palm Sunday also marks the beginning of Jesus' Passion leading to his crucifixion on Good Friday. We pray that through Holy week we may continue to grow in our understanding of Christs' sacrifice and our love of Him who conquered death that we may enjoy eternal life forever. Have a holy and happy school break and we look forward to seeing you on



Monday 28th April at 8.40am.

Bishop Gerry—Philippines Encounter

On Monday, our Year 6 children joined an online Columbans Missionaries conversation with Bishop Gerado Alminaza live from San Carlos in the central Philippines. Our children were given the opportunity to ask Bishop Gerry about the enormous issues faced by so many people in the Philippines; these included issues regarding the environmental impact of industrialisation and the concerns that the Church has about how people who resist the Philippine Government are treated. It was a fantastic encounter to listen directly to Bishop Gerry and to be reminded about our responsibilities to protect creation and how we can help people and habitats in danger on the other side of the world, particularly during this Jubilee Year.



The Hope Project

The Hope Project has been a remarkable success and a fantastic team effort from everyone.

During Lent we have provided 255 parcels to families across the city.

The families in our schools were so generous giving donations that we were able to provide such wonderful food parcels for the families in need. Thank you to our transport volunteers for collecting and delivering donations across the city. We know how these food parcels have helped families, so moving forward as this is our last week we will pass on details to schools for their newsletters for families to call into the hub and collect a parcel or we can drop off a parcel to those in need. This sharing of the Hope Project has been a great start to the Year of Hope, and we would like to say a big thank you to everyone for your help and support.

We believe this project has provided opportunities for families to share meals together and they have been so grateful for the parcels.



Lenten Fundraising

Thank you for your amazing generosity for our Lenten fundraising this half term. Your kindness through our collections of our Smartie Tube fundraising, Charity Roadshow and non—uniform day has raised a fantastic £400 which we will forward to our three chosen charities—Father Hudson's Caritas, CAFOD, and Aid to the Church in Need. These contributions will have a direct and meaningful impact on those who need our love and support in difficult times, both locally and across the world.



Thank you!



The 'Wednesday Words' for this week are ... **Holy Week**
Dear Lord Jesus, as Holy Week approaches, we thank you for giving your life for us, so that one day we too may know the joys of heaven.
Amen.



Easter Garden/Resurrection Garden

As part of this year's Jubilee focus and over the Easter holidays, we are asking all children to create a 'Resurrection Garden,' sometimes called a 'Easter Garden' to commemorate aspects of the end of Jesus' earthly life and the glory and awe of His resurrection. These beautiful reminders of the story of Easter may contain a number of similar themes/objects, for example, a base tray or pot, some soil for the base, a tomb and large stone/object (away from the tomb door), three crosses, some plants/greenery. This is a wonderful, fun activity your child will enjoy and can then bring into school on our first Monday after Easter, Monday 28th April. We will share all of the Resurrection Gardens in assembly and on Class Dojo and there will be a small Easter egg gift for all children who take part. Happy making!



Junior Chef Experience

On Tuesday, Year 3 and Year 4 welcomed Josh Blakemore from our school catering company to lead them on a 'junior chef experience.' The children learned about kitchen and food hygiene and cut and prepared some beautiful fruit kebabs—which they then enjoyed munching!

Well done children!



Alton Castle Residential

Our Year 5 children had a wonderful time this week whilst visiting our Birmingham Diocesan Retreat Centre, Alton Castle, in Staffordshire. Their 3 day visit centred upon 'Come Listen to the Story' focusing on the Passion of Christ during Holy Week. Amongst their prayer time, meditations and celebration of mass they enjoyed amazing activities in and around the castle, including mountain biking, adventure trekking and survival training.

The children had a fabulous time at the castle and also made new friends with our Holy Cross MAC schools of St. John Vianney and St. Thomas More.

Dates for your Diary.....

Friday 11th April—School Breaks up for Easter Holidays

Monday 28th April—School returns after Easter Holidays 8.40am.

Tuesday 29th April—Y3 non-uniform Saint Day

Wednesday 30th April—Class group photo day

Judaism Morning

Year 2 welcomed Roz Johnson this week, to lead a special focus on Judaism as part of our continuing multi—faith enrichment. Our children gained valuable insights and understanding of the Jewish faith and how Jews celebrate their faith.

Golden Certificates

Nursery: Gold & Rayaan

Reception: Kehlan & Temi

Year 1: Whole Class

Year 2: Amelia & Ezekiel O

Year 3: Miracle N & Agarwin

Year 4: Caitlin & Kyro

Year 5: Whole Class

Year 6: Sofia & Sean

Mr Doyle: Y5 Alton Castle children

Mrs Miles: Diana Y1

After School Clubs

There are no after school clubs the first week back after the Easter holidays.
Clubs begin again on Tuesday 6th May.

We are still collecting food items for the Hope Food Project.

