

I would like to welcome everyone back after the summer break. It has been lovely to see all our wonderful children returning to school ready for their next year of learning. I would like to extend a particular welcome to any new families who have joined us at St Elizabeth's. We are delighted that you have chosen to be part of our school community.

House captains

Our new house captains have now been chosen. Children had to prepare a speech for the other members of their house who voted for them. Our new house captains are:

St Matthew - Lillia

St Mark - Emilly

St Luke - Jenson

St John - Mariana

I know they will do a great job and I look forward to working with them as the year progresses.

Friday morning Mass

Fr Michael or Father Ramesh will visit school every other Friday to lead us in the celebration of Holy Mass. These will be led by individual year groups but all families are more than welcome to share these celebrations with us each fortnight. Gifts from God assemblies will take place alternative weeks also where we will celebrate the achievements and talents of our pupils. Parents will be informed if their child has been nominated to receive a certificate.

Parking

Please can I once again urge parents to park considerately and safely when dropping and collecting from our school. It has been reported to me on several occasions already this year that drive ways have been blocked and that cars have been parked in a way that makes it unsafe for pedestrians. To keep our children safe and to avoid an accident, please consider how you park ensuring you avoid corners, the yellow zig zags and allow sufficient space for walking on the paths. Thank you.

Important dates

Friday 22nd September - Mass led by Y6 (all welcome)

Monday 25th September - Phonic workshop for EYFS parents 3.45pm

Wednesday 27th - 29th September - Y5 residential visit to Alton Castle

Wednesday 27th September - Phonic workshop for Y1 parents

Friday 29th September - Macmillan coffee afternoon 2.30pm

Sunday 1st October - School led Mass at St John's church 10.30am

Thursday 6th October - Y2 visit to Packington farm

Friday 6th October - Harvest Mass led by Y4 (all welcome)

Thursday 19th October - Parent consultations 4pm - 7pm

Friday 20th October - Mass led by Y5 (all welcome)

Tuesday 24th October - Parent consultations 3.45pm - 5.45pm

Wednesday 25th October - Individual photographs

Friday 27th October - School closes for half term.

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - Half term holiday

Monday 6th November - INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 7th November - School opens for pupils

School Uniform: Thank you for encouraging our children to look so smart in their uniforms and school shoes this week. A reminder that no jewellery should be worn in school for safety reasons other than a simple pair of earring studs if necessary with no earrings on PE days.

PE kits

Children are able to wear their PE kits for the whole day on their PE days. However, the PE uniform at our school is either a school branded tracksuit that can be purchased from SK uniforms or a dark coloured tracksuit with a white T-shirt. Please note that PE days are not non-uniform days and therefore brightly coloured tracksuits, patterned T-shirts or other football/sportswear is not to be worn. If you are having difficulties financially and are unable to purchase a dark coloured tracksuit for your child, please come to see me and we will aim to confidentially support you to ensure your child is wearing correct uniform. Thank you for your support.

Stars of the week

Reception - Isabel and Jaden

Year 1 - Catherine and Louie

Year 2 - Delilah and George-David

Year 3 - Narelle and Eva-Maria

Year 4 - Rachael and Alfie

Year 5 - Louie and Lucas

Year 6 - Wilson and Jenson



Lunchtime stars - Harriet, Savannah, Kinga, Nancy, Carlo, Lucas and Charley.

Congratulations to all the children who have been nominated in our Gifts of God assembly today. We are very proud of you all.

Pope Francis says:

"Faith is not spread with worldly power but with the wisdom of the Cross; not with structures but with witness. From the eloquent silence of the Cross, the Lord is today asking you: Do you want to be my witness?"



Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we begin this new school year, we pray for you blessing in all our work and play. Help us to grow closer to you each day as we *listen, learn and grow with Jesus,*

Amen.