

As we journey through Lent together, we prepare for the events of Easter. During the next few weeks, our pupils will be learning about these special times and how we might celebrate them together. I would like to thank all families who have supported our Lenten cake sales by either bringing in cakes on their allocated week or by purchasing a cake through ParentPay. As always, we have seen a huge amount of support as we work together as a school faith community to support others. Thank you

### Stars of the week

Preschool - Violet and Damian  
Reception - Maxyne and Jaxson  
Year 1 - Charles and Evie  
Year 2 - Olivier and Olivia  
Year 3 - Heath and Alexander  
Year 4 - Kailey and George  
Year 5 - Dolly and Orlaith  
Year 6 - Oliver and Lillia  
Club star - Jaden  
CST stars - Duggie, Emily, Vasilis and Dominika  
Lunchtime stars - Lula, Eliza, Gabriela, Katie-Mae, Jerome, Ionas, Maliah

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

### Lent

This year, our children have decided that they would like to support a range of charities. We will be supporting CAFOD through our Big Lent Walk. Please follow the 'Just giving' link sent on previous letter to sponsor us. In addition, our pupils are very concerned about homelessness. Therefore, money raised from our cake sales will go to Tabor House which is a charity who help homeless people in Birmingham. We are learning that faith in action is really important so please join with us to make a difference this lent. Thank you.

### Important dates

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Family breakfast  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Y3 Lenten cake sale  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day (including book day event for Rec - Y2 after school)  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Mass led by Reception (All welcome) 9.15am  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Science day (visit from Royal institute)  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Reception / Y6 Lenten cake sale  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - KS2 Easter bingo 3.30pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Parent consultation evening 3.45pm - 5.45pm (Whole school)  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Parent consultation evening 4pm - 7pm (Y6 only)  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Y5/Y1 Lenten cake sale  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Easter bonnet parade 9.15am school hall (Pre-school to Y2)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Closing date for decorated eggs competition (Y3 - Y6)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Parent consultation evening 4pm - 7pm (Pre-school - Y5)  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Mass led by pupil Mission teams (All welcome)

### School uniform

Most of our pupils come to school dressed really smartly in their uniform each day which is lovely to see. However, just a quick reminder that for health and safety reasons jewellery is not permitted. Bracelets, rings and necklaces can cause injury and are therefore not allowed to be worn. Only one pair of small, plain stud earrings are allowed. These will need to be removed for PE. Any jewellery will be taken from pupils and given back at the end of the day. Equally, please do not allow your child to wear false nails as these can also cause injury accidentally. In relation to PE kits, please continue to ensure that your child wears a dark coloured track suit to school for PE. No football shirts or logos please. Thank you.

### Swimming

A huge well done to our swimming team who represented St Elizabeth's in the local swimming gala last week. Everyone involved behaved in an exemplary manner and all performed to the best of their ability. Every child that competed has reached at least one final, so I am sure you will join me in wishing them luck for the next stage in the competition.



### Healthy snacks

Please can I remind parents that children are encouraged to bring a snack into school each day for breaktime. However, these need to be healthy snacks please to support us in promoting healthy living to our pupils. No sweets chocolates, lollypops or crisps please. I would encourage pupils to bring fruit or a cereal bar for their breaktime snack. Reception to Y2 pupils also receive a piece of fruit from school each day in the afternoon. Thank you for your support.



**Our virtues this half term are: *faith-filled and hopeful***

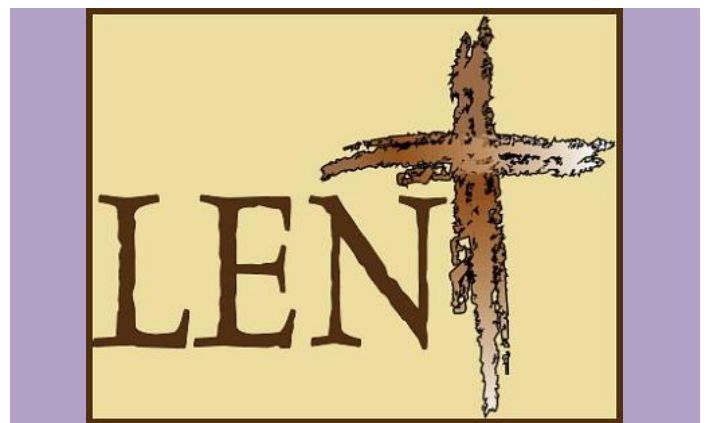
### Prayer

Give up harsh words: use generous ones.  
Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.  
Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.  
Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.  
Give up worrying: take up trust in God.  
Give up complaining: value what you have.  
Give up stress: take up prayer.  
Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.  
Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy.  
Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others. Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.  
Give up words: fill yourself with silence, and listen to others.

*Our special prayer intentions this week are for everyone who does not have a safe place to live.*

### Pope Francis says:

"In this time of Lent, let us strive not to put ourselves at the centre; rather, let us try to step aside to make room for others, to promote them and to rejoice in their qualities and successes"



### Social media

Please follow us on social media to find out what our children have been doing and to keep up with important information. We have an 'X' account (Twitter) which can be accessed @elizabeths\_cp. We also have a new Facebook account which can be accessed by following this link <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093043407490>.