



# NEWSLETTER



Mrs Michelle Walsh - Headteacher

15th March 2024

Thank you for all your continued support as we raise money during this Lenten period. Our pupils are learning about working for the common good and putting those in most need first and our families are setting an amazing example for this. Money raised this Lent will go towards Heart of Tamworth, Tabor House and CAFOD. Thank you.

## Stars of the week

Preschool - Eleanor and Hei Ting  
Reception - Joshua and Rebecca-Noemi  
Year 1 - Savannah and Leevi  
Year 2 - Niamh and Dexter  
Year 3 - Joseph and Katie-Mae  
Year 4 - Hannah and Jude  
Year 5 - Rosie and Jayden  
Year 6 - Emily and Cole  
Club star - Isabella  
CST stars - Nashe, Maia, Calista, Erin  
Lunchtime stars - Harry, Catherine, William, Dominic, Freya, Lilly, Wilson  
*Congratulations to all the children who have been nominated in our Gifts of God assembly today. We are very proud of you all.*

## Netball

Our netball team had an excellent result recently where they won the match that put them in the finals. They played in the finals yesterday and played superbly yet again, finishing in first place. Well done girls - we are all very proud of you.

## Site technician role

We have recently said goodbye to Mr Kimberley, our site supervisor. I would like to thank him for all he has done for St Elizabeth's. I am also delighted to welcome Miss Taylor who has been appointed as our new site technician. Please say hello to make her feel welcome. Thank you.

## Important dates

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)  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Easter raffle (tickets available on Parentpay)  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - School closes for Easter break  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April - School opens for summer term  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April - SATs meeting for Y6 parents 3.30pm  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Mass led by staff (All welcome)  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Mass led by Y2 pupils (All welcome)  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - INSET day (school closed for pupils)  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday (school closed)

## Sacraments

We are very much looking forward to celebrating the upcoming sacraments of First Holy Communion with our Y3 pupils and Confirmation with our Y6 pupils later this year. The pupils are preparing well in school and I know they are also preparing by attending Mass on Sundays. First Holy Communion takes place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. Confirmation takes place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm. We also look forward to welcoming the Bishop to school during the day. Both Sacraments will take place at St John's Catholic church. I am sure you will join me in praying for all the children taking the sacraments this year and for all their friends who support them so well. Thank you.

### Reconciliation

Congratulations to our Y3 pupils who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time recently. They were all very prayerful and sincere. Father Ramesh also visited school last week to provide the opportunity for our KS2 pupils to receive the Sacrament. He commented on how sincere and thoughtful everyone was. Well done.

### Science day

What an amazing science day we had this week. We were visited by the Royal Institute who provided assemblies for all our pupils. This was supplemented by lots of experiments in different classrooms which the pupils thoroughly enjoyed. I believe that a chocolate bourbon biscuit has been scientifically proven to be the best 'dunker!'. I would like to say thank you to Miss Hussey for organising the day and to everyone who helped make the day such a success. Thank you.

## 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, Ronald Thirkettle (RIP) and Barry Fielding (RIP)*

### The Big Lent walk

To support CAFOD this lent, our pupils are aiming to walk 200km in 40 days. This is being split between the classes so everyone has their part to play.

If you are able to sponsor us, please follow the link to donate to this worthy cause and help us as we put our faith into action. Thank you.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-elizabeths-tamworth-fundraising-page>

### Pope Francis says:

*"The Lord's gaze upon us is not a blinding beacon that dazzles us and puts us in difficulty, but rather the gentle glimmer of a friendly lamp, that helps us to see the good in ourselves and to be aware of the evil, so that we may be converted and healed with the support of His grace."*



### 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>.