

You will have heard this week that the teaching unions have balloted their members and the NEU has decided to call strike action for 4 days. Some of our teachers have been asked to undertake this action. As teachers are in different unions, this will affect some of our classes but not others. Letters will be sent to individual classes early next week informing you which classes are affected once we have risk assessed all possible contingency plans. Thank you for your patience.

**Young Voices** - Congratulations to our wonderful 'Young voices choir' who had a fantastic afternoon and evening at the Resorts World arena in Birmingham. They joined 6500 other children from around the Midlands to sing alongside the likes of Heather Small. They were a credit to the school and to their parents. Thanks to Mrs Kessler, Miss Hussey, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Hutton and Mrs Hardy for all their hard work in preparing the children so well and accompanying them on the day.

**Message from School council** - Today we have been discussing the importance of healthy snacks. We have been talking about ways to encourage families to provide fruit and cereal bars at breaktime rather than crisps or chocolate. Thank you for helping us with choosing healthy snacks.

**Pope Francis says:**

*"Through prayer, the Word of God comes to abide in us and we abide in it. The Word inspires good intentions, sustains action. It gives us strength and serenity."*



**Dates for your diary:**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January - INSET day (school closed for pupils)  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Mass led by Y5 (All welcome)  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Parish Mass led by school (10.30 am St John's church)  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Online safety day  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Dress to express yourself day  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Multi-faith day  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Alton castle meeting for Y5 parents 3.30pm  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Mass led by Y4 (All welcome)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - School closes for half term.  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - School re-opens  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Y4/Y1 cake sale  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - World book day (more details to follow)  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Y2 cake sale  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Mass led by Y3 (All welcome)

**Personal details:** Please ensure that the school office have your most up-to-date phone numbers and e-mail addresses so you can be contacted in an emergency and to receive communication from school.

**Social media:** St Elizabeth's now has its own Twitter feed. Follow us @elizabeths\_cp to keep up to date with news and other information. In addition, please also join our Friends facebook page by searching for the 'Friends of St Elizabeth's' on facebook as school info will also go on this page.

**Star of the week:**

Pre-school - Anna and Paddy

Reception - Luca and Mollie

Year 1 - Ellie and Dylan

Year 2 - Willow and Nancy

Year 3 - Dominika and Rylen

Year 4 - Ty and Leo

Year 5 - Indi and Michal

Year 6 - William and Ruby

Lunchtime stars: Oakley, Feliks, Phoebe, Jude,  
Giorgio, Leo, Lola

**Prayer:**

Lord be beside us, all every day  
Guiding and leading us gently always.  
Lord be above us, help us to see  
The hope of the future, of all we could be.  
Lord be beneath us, carry us.  
Lord be ahead of us, smoothing our paths  
Protecting and blessing the places we pass.  
Lord be behind us, healing our wounds,  
Forgiving our mistakes and making us new.  
Jesus, be within us, this family is yours  
Now and forever, you are our Lord.  
Amen

Our special prayer intentions this week are  
for:

Alan Hopper  
Jane Longstaff  
Ivy Longstaff  
Julie Martin