

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary

'I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full'



26th March
2024

**St Elizabeth's
Mass Times**
Saturday 5pm

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 27th March-
Easter Bunny daily mile
Wellbeing session 4

Thursday 28th March-
End of term at 1:30pm

Tuesday 9th April-
Children return to school

Please note:

Our outdoor classroom is now open and is being enjoyed by the children. Thank you to all who have worked on this, particularly Mr Metcalfe and Mrs Elder.

****If pupils wish, they are able to wear summer uniform when returning after Easter****

Dear Parents/Carers

Passing of Father Barry

I know that many of you will have heard about the passing of Father Barry on Friday evening. Father dedicated 29 years of his life to the school and the Parish of St Elizabeth's, touching the lives of all he came into contact with. We thank him for all that he did for us and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this sad time. As well as being our Parish Priest, Father was also Chair of Governors at the school for many years.

Rest in peace Father, from all at St Elizabeth's.

Retirement of Mrs Bootman

We would like to wish Mrs Bootman a happy retirement as she leaves us this week after 28 years of dedicated service. Put your feet up and enjoy the rest- you certainly deserve it!

Parent' Wellbeing Group

Thank you to all who have attended the Wellbeing group. It has been a great success and those attending have had a fantastic time. If you are interested in joining, please call the school and speak to Mrs Cureton to book in.

School Meals and Breakfast Club charges

Unfortunately, due to increased staffing costs and the costs for food, Sefton Council have raised the cost of meals and Breakfast Club. After the Easter break, school meals will rise to £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week- payable in advance) and Breakfast Club will rise to £3.00 per day (payment in advance or on the day). We have tried our best to keep the costs as low as possible but regrettably we must pass on this increase.

School Meal Vouchers

Those who are eligible to receive the vouchers have been sent them electronically today. The vouchers that have been issued are for two weeks, even though we have a shorter break than other schools. In May, those eligible will receive one week of vouchers, even though we are off for two weeks. This will balance out so that families receive what they are entitled to over the year. Please try to download them yourself before contacting us to print them.

School Holiday Dates for 2024-25

Please see the reverse of this newsletter for the holiday dates for the coming year. We ask that you take holidays when the children are off school. As per previous years, we have 2 weeks off at the end of May, which many parents/carers have found is a cheaper time to take a holiday. If holidays are taken during term time, they may be subject to a fine from the Local Authority, which is currently £60 per parent, per child, but is due to rise to £80 per parent, per child. If you have exceptional circumstances why a holiday needs to be taken during school time, please fill in a form at the office and provide details and any evidence to go alongside. Please be aware that any monies received through fines DOES NOT go to the school. These fines are issued as our attendance is monitored regularly and we need to show how we have tackled unauthorised absences.

End of Term

School will close for the Easter break this coming Thursday 28th March at 1:30pm. Please can we ask that all children are collected promptly. Children return to school on Tuesday 9th April. Have a lovely Easter Break.

Thank you for your support over this last school term