



St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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A prayer written by Faye in Year 4

Dear God,

Thank you for everything you have done for us.
Please can you help people with Coronavirus, please help
the poor and sick.

Please look out for the lonely and people on their own.
Amen



Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school community, we are now on a new positive and exciting road. I am now proud to announce our NEW school motto, vision, mission statement and values for St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery. Please take the time to read and digest. I have spoken to a number of colleagues and Governors regarding our values. I have decided to have three meaningful values that define our belief at St Ethelbert's. This is so they are remembered and acted upon by all. Adults and Children need to live and breathe them once they become embedded. We can do so much work around these values. These values are unique to our school community and are very much different to any other school. I hope you like them. Please share this with your children. New school signs have been ordered across the school which will display our new motto.....

'High Expectations for all, in the light of Christ'

Vision

Our vision for St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School is to be a school with 'high expectations for all, in the light of Christ'. All pupils will be given every opportunity to achieve their potential and encouraged to learn about and develop their hidden talents in order to reach high levels of achievement. All members of our school community will be fully equipped to meet all pupils' needs through appropriate professional development. St Ethelbert's will be an outstanding school.





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Mission Statement

'Every child at St Ethelbert's is to fulfil their academic, social, behavioral and emotional potential in the surroundings of a Catholic community, and in which each individual shares or respects the Catholic Church and Christian way of Life.'

As a Catholic school we endeavour to create a living and caring Christian community, where we aspire to ignite within everyone the light of Christ.

We strive to:

- i) Educate the whole person to their full potential: spiritually, morally, academically, emotionally, socially, culturally and physically.
- ii) Respect, love and value ourselves and others as unique individuals and children of God.
- iii) Encourage everyone to pray and develop a deeper personal relationship with God.
- iv) Support parents and carers as the first educators of the child.
- v) Enhance the essential relationship between the school, family and parish.

Our New School Values - 3 to remember and follow:

'Thoughtfulness' – we reflect to become a better person and think about other people in our world

'Knowledge' – we never stop learning

'Inclusion' – everyone is welcome in the St Ethelbert's family

New - Rewards for 100% Attendance

We will now reward children with a £5 book voucher and a badge for getting 100% attendance for either being in school or accessing learning online. When schools fully reopen this will continue for 100% attendance when in school. This will be from Monday 8th February until the end of the academic year. We will continue to record attendance, inform you if your child has reached 100%, then purchase the vouchers once the shops reopen.





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Take a break!

This week is Children's Mental Health week; this year's theme is Express Yourself. The website has some excellent resources that can be used at home:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

To support the well-being of the whole school community, next Wednesday (10th February) will be an afternoon of non-screen learning. Children can use this time to catch up on learning that they may be behind on or they could consider one of the following activities to do with an adult:

- Go for a walk down to the beach
- Read a fiction or non-fiction book in the most unusual place
- Do something creative – a painting, drawing or collage
- Play a board game
- Bake a cake or cook dinner
- Write a letter to someone you have not seen for a long time

Please share what you get up to and feel free to send your creative activities into admin@stethelbertsschool.co.uk and we can publish some of them on Facebook and our School website.

There will be no live lessons on Wednesday afternoon. For those children attending school we will plan a range of activities from the list above.

We do hope that this time away from a screen or device is beneficial and I would ask that you strongly encourage your child to step away from other electronic devices or screen based activities and do something different with their time.

Church is Open for Mass

On Monday Ms Dowd and myself spoke to Father Christopher, Father Simon and Father Leszek. We discussed a lot about our school and church including up and coming events. The Church's newsletter is attached for your information regarding Mass times and praying the Rosary.

Ash Wednesday Live

Unfortunately, Ash Wednesday Mass this year falls both during lockdown and Half Term. However, we have a plan! Father Christopher and Father Simon have kindly agreed to film the Mass live on Ash Wednesday at 9:30am and 12:00midday for all the family to take part in. We will send out a link for you to click on nearer the time. The church is open though if you would prefer to attend the Mass in person.

St Ethelbert's Feast Day

Father Christopher and Father Simon have also agreed to film the Mass live on St Ethelbert's Feast Day (February 25th) for all children at home and in school. This will be at 9:30am. A link will be sent out nearer





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the time.

RE Council

Last week we invited the children to put their names forward if they were interested in becoming RE Council Members for their class. We were blown away that so many of the children were keen to take on this role and we are very proud to announce our new RE council representatives for this year.

There are two representatives from each class in Year 2 to Year 6.

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| Year 2 | Gracie and Oscar |
| Year 3 | Libbi and Freddie |
| Year 4 | Kelly and Thomas |
| Year 5 | Isabella and Noah |
| Year 6 | Alesha and Caroline |

Congratulations to all these children. For the children that were not chosen on this occasion, we are holding an RE Prayer Group during lunchtimes and would be very keen for as many children as possible to join us. We are also going to be starting up a 'Children's Leadership Team and again, will be looking for two children from each class to take on this role. Further details on these to follow!

Breakfast Club

This is just a reminder that Breakfast club starts at 8:00am everyday prompt. If you would like a space for a CW/V child then please sign up via school money.

SEN children's Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

The IEPs from last term have been reviewed with new targets written for this term and next. These are being sent out today. You will receive two copies. One is to keep and one is to sign/date and send back to school. If your child is at home then you should have received from the teacher a SEN pack to support your children at home to achieve their targets.

Dates for the Diary

Term 3

Every Friday at 2:30pm is our Live Whole School Achievement Assembly. The link can be found on Google Classroom from 2:20pm

Friday 12th February – End of Term 3 – Normal Time

Wednesday 17th February – Live Ash Wednesday Mass – 9:30am or 12:00midday





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Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Start of Term 4 – 8:40am (in school for CW/V children and remote learning for children at home). Breakfast Club starts back up

Thursday 25th February – Feast Day of St Ethelbert's - Live Mass – 9:30am

Wishing you all a relaxing screen free weekend!

Keep warm, it is meant to be cold again.

God Bless

Mr Marshall
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