



St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Kids Easter HOLIDAY CLUB



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB—Spring 2017:

We will be running the Easter Club from **Monday 10—Thursday 13 April**. The club will be open from **8.00am - 6pm**. Please come to the office for an application form. There will be lots of fun and exciting activities to do.



Come to our **BOOK FAIR** from **Thursday 9 March 2017 to Wednesday 15 March 2017**, this will be held in KS1 Hall from **3.45—4.15pm**



SCIENCE WEEK WORKSHOP:

EYFS & KS1 Science Workshop will be held in KS1 Hall on **Wednesday 15 March 2017 @ 2.30pm** and KS2 Science Workshop will be held in KS2 Hall on **Friday 17 March 2017 @ 2.30pm**.

BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: The cost of the after school provision is **£8 per session** and runs every day during term time. The After School Club in conjunction with the Breakfast Club **£2 per session** will offer parents 'wrap around care' from **7:45am to 6pm** for their children. **PLEASE NOTE:** Payments must be made in advance. Thank you.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: Once a decision has been made with regards to the meals your child will have, you will need to give 1 Half Terms Notice in the first or last week of each half term. School meals declaration forms are available from the school office.

ICE: IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: If you have changed address, home contact number, mobile number, could you please contact the office or come in and complete a notification of change of details form as soon as possible. You must keep us informed of any changes.



HOW TO REACH/CONTACT TEACHERS: Teachers can be reached at the beginning or end of the school day (except on a Monday due to staff meeting). If you would like to speak to a teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, please leave your details at the school office and the member of staff will contact you to arrange a suitable time to discuss any concern you may have.

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT: Just a polite reminder, St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School welcomes comments and feedback from parents and carers. You can always speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns. Our aim is to resolve matters promptly. However, we will not tolerate aggressive or obstructive behaviour. Any individual who displays abusive, aggressive or violent behaviour will be asked to leave the site and may be reported to the police. If appropriate, an exclusion order may be issued to prevent an individual coming to or near St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School in the future.





LATENESS

If your child has ever been late for school, you will have noticed Ms Fennelly, Ms Hair, Mrs Braniff and Mr Peppard waiting in the reception area to register your child's arrival and then escort them to their classes. However, any children arriving after **9.15 am** should be accompa-

nied by an adult and report to the school office. You will be required to provide a reason for lateness and this will be recorded on the class register. Perhaps you could aim to be on the school premises by **8.45 am**? School assemblies have specifically been moved to the afternoon so that work can start at **9 am**. Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

BUILDING FUND

Are your payments up-to-date?
If in any doubt, please call by the office.
Thank you!

The amount payable is £30 per year for each child in the school. However, if you have 3 or more children in the school, the maximum amount payable to cover all of them is **£60** per school year.

Alternatively, you can make smaller payments throughout the school year, e.g. weekly, fortnightly. These should be handed in to the school office in an envelope clearly marked STE Building Fund with your child(ren)'s name[s] and class[es] on.



REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE

We are now using an e-registering system in school. This hopefully will speed up the registration process and enable us to create accurate reports on attendance and punctuality.

PLEASE NOTE: School begins at **9.00**

am prompt. Please remember pupils should not arrive at school unaccompanied before **8.45 am** and that all pupils remain the responsibility of parents until this time.

Before school: Nursery and Reception go into class from **8.45 am**. Year 1 & 2 line up in the KS1 playground and line up in their classes to start at **8.45 am**

Year 3-6 (KS2) have various activities before school starts. Reading, Exercise, etc. All pupils should be lined up in the playground in their classes to start school at **8.45 am** prompt.

After school: Nursery and Reception parents, please enter through the side gates and collect your child from outside their classroom. At **3.25 pm**. Year 3-6 children can be collected from the KS2 playground at **3.30 pm** when school closes.

Safeguarding: Once your child(ren) have been dismissed, they are your responsibility. Children are not allowed on the climbing frames for health and safety reasons.



Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

Parents are reminded to tell us about changes in circumstances affecting entitlement to free school meals: If you stop getting income support, income-based jobseeker's allowance, income-related employment and support allowance, pension guarantee credit or your annual income increases above the threshold amount or if you start to get working tax credit your child's entitlement to free school meals will end. Remember you must tell the benefits service about any changes to your income or circumstances. For example you must tell us if your child changes school and if you change address.

There is a risk that parents/carers will no longer feel it is necessary to apply for free school meals as they are now universally free. If this were to occur there would be an impact on the school's Pupil Premium.

Pupil Premium Payments:

The Government has committed to pay schools for each child in their school who is registered for statutory free school meals. This is money that the school can benefit from and use to fund interventions, booster classes, new equipment or additional teaching staff.

Application for Pupil Premium Funding:

In order to qualify for free school meals, all parents/carers whose children go to school in Tower Hamlets were asked to complete and return the form to their school before the **16 September 2016** the next review date is **31 March 2017**. Any qualifying family that registers their eligibility by simply completing this form will help to make sure our school is as well funded as possible. If you have not yet completed a form, these are available from the school office.

Please complete the application form even if you think you may not be eligible. Your application will be checked by the office staff and processed in confidence.

Coffee Morning every Friday at **9.00-9.30 am** in the Community House.

Some weeks we will have guest speakers or information for parents.



School Rucksacks and School Bags

Rucksacks are on sale from the school office at a cost of **£8**, school bags cost **£4**.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

We are trying to develop our speaking and listening skills, and we thought a really simple way to get the message across was to put up no mobile phone posters at the gates.



Our children learn and do so much each day and they really want to tell you about their day. Get into the habit of asking your child "Tell me something good about your day." In society we often look at the negative first.... Let's train our minds to look to the positive first.

We very much appreciate our parents' support in implementing this policy in order to keep our children safe.

Never underestimate the importance of reading with your child. Regular reading helps to embed skills that will help your child access all areas of the curriculum.



Procedure to follow when your child is absent from school

Please remember to ring the school if your child is going to be absent, after dialling the number, press option 1 to leave a message.



When your child returns to school, you need to

provide a **letter explaining their absence**. This letter should be handed in to the school office. If your child has been off for more than 3 days a doctors note or appointment card must be provided. Please note this relates to Nursery children also.

If you do not provide an absence letter on your child's return to school, the office can provide you with a standard letter to complete—with the date and reason for absence.



Did you know that all schools in England are facing the biggest real term cuts in a generation? Neither did we. The government is telling us that spending in schools is protected.

But schools across the country are facing a growing funding crisis caused by real terms cuts to school budgets at a time of rising pupil numbers and increasing staffing and running costs. With school budgets shrinking, the government is now bringing in a new National Funding Formula that will redistribute school funding in a way that will see many schools losing even more money. The combination of budget cuts and the National Funding Formula means that over 90 per cent of schools in England will see net funding reduced over the next four years. What can you do? Find out more from the weblinks below.

www.fairfundingforallschools.org <http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/#/schools?chosenSchool=2112003>