The Federation of St Elphege's Catholic Schools Curriculum Meeting

Year 5

St. Therese – Mr Jones

St. Peter – Miss Correya

St. Oscar Romero – Miss Maguire

Times, School Day and Expectations

- The school gate will open at 8:20am.
- Year 5 will enter through the gate on Roe Way and go to their classes via the corridor door.
- On Monday to Thursday, school ends at 3:20pm.
- On Friday, school ends at 2:30pm.
- At the end of the of the school day, St. Therese and St. Oscar Romero will be seen out of their classrooms and St. Peter will be seen from the junior playground.
- Please ensure your child is on time.
- Likewise, try to ensure you arrive for 3:20pm to collect your child and if you are going to be late, inform the school office as soon as possible.



General Expectations of the Children



- Children have been reminded of the school's golden rules and are expected to follow them at all times.
- We will continue to follow our school's Faith Values (family, aspiration, inclusiveness, tolerance and harmony).
- Children will be expected to be dressed in school uniform at all times unless there is specific reason no to be. PE kit will consist of red/white t-shirt, dark coloured shorts/jogging bottoms. PE kit will need to be washed regularly and brought back into school before our PE lessons on Wednesday.
- Please be reminded to pack a balanced lunch for children. Sweets and energy drinks are not permitted in school.

School Uniform Policy





We expect our community to adhere to the uniform expectations outlined in this policy and, other than in exceptional circumstances, wear the correct uniform to school each day. Families who may experience difficulties ensuring that their child comes to school in the correct uniform on any given day should speak with the school office in the first instance who will be able to provide or signpost to support. If families experience more substantial challenges, the school is always willing to support where it can. Please speak with the school office, the pastoral support service or a members of the leadership team in confidence.

School Uniform Policy (pg 4)

KS2 Uniform

- White shirt
- School grey and red tie
- Red check dress summer
- Grey pinafore or skirt or trousers or shorts
- Red sweatshirt
- School fleece
- Black shoes (traditional school shoes or pure black trainers no logos)
- Warm coat Raincoat and wet-weather shoes
- PE kit black shorts, white T-shirt, dark plimsolls Grey, black or dark blue tracksuit
- Swimming kit when needed, including hat.





Other Accessories

Other Accessories or Items of Clothing	
Earrings	 The school discourages pupils wearing earrings to school as they are unsafe for PE and games. If worn only studs, or sleepers should be used. Pupils are expected to remove their own earrings (if worn) when doing PE.
Jewellery	 Pupils should not wear jewellery to school, unless required by religious doctrine.
Hair Care / Coverings	 Long hair should be tied up for safety reasons. The school encourages the wearing of plaits to attempt to keep children's hair free of lice. Extreme haircuts are discouraged. Hair should not be coloured. Head / hair coverings may be worn for religious reasons. Hats should be worn during particularly hot weather.
Trainers	 If pupils wear trainers for school each day, they must be black only. Plimsolls are used for indoor PE and games. If trainers are used for PE, sports, or games the school suggests they are not expensive - in case of loss.

Please note that <u>large</u>
<u>hair accessories</u> such
as JoJo's Bows are not
acceptable school
uniform



Balls

 Children are welcome to bring their own footballs to school however leather balls will be <u>confiscated</u>.

Children should only bring plastic 'air balls' such as Shoot Balls.

The school will supply netballs and basketballs - children should not

bring in their own.



UKS2 (Y5&Y6) Mobile Phones





In line with the St. Elphege's Mobile Phone Policy, pupils in Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) can bring their Smartphone to school under the following conditions:

- A parent has signed the UKS2 Smartphone Agreement Form (Appendix 1 Mobile Phone Policy)
- Phones will be collected at the start of the day, stored by school staff and returned at the end of the day.
- Pupils will not be permitted to use their phone during the school day and it must be switched off during school hours.
- Phones are used only for legitimate purposes before and after school and on their journey to and from school, in keeping with the scope of the Internet Safety Policy.
- The Federation of St Elphege's and Regina Coeli Catholic Schools accept no liability for loss or damage to any mobile phone which is brought into school by a pupil and / or subsequently held by the school.
- Smartphones that are brought into school without parental / carer and school agreement will be held
 by the school until such a time as a parent or carer is available to collect the phone.
- The schools do not consider it appropriate for pupils to bring other 'Smart' devices to school, for
 example Smart Watches. The only exception to this is where the device is listed on a Health Care Plan
 to support in managing a medical condition.

St Elphege's is a Nut-Free School

We have a number of children who suffer with severe nut allergies including anaphylaxis.

Please ensure that you are sending your child to school with food that does not contain nuts or traces of nuts.

Thank you.



Healthy Schools

At St. Elphege's Infant and Junior Schools we are dedicated to promoting a healthy school and we strive to keep our children as healthy as possible.

To help us promote healthy eating, please ensure your child brings in a healthy break time snack. Healthy snacks include:

- Fruit (grapes, blueberries and tomatoes <u>need to be chopped in half</u>)
- Vegetables
- Bread sticks
- Rice cakes
- Crackers
- Tube yoghurts



We provide a daily selection of fruit and vegetables for children at playtime in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, so there is no need to send in a break time snack.



An example of a typical week (Week A/B):



Monday

- English
- Maths
- RE
- Shared Reading
- Science
- French
- Reading for pleasure/ storytime

Tuesday

- English
- Maths
- Shared Reading
- RE
- Humanities
- Reading for pleasure/ storytime

Wednesday

- English
- Maths
- Shared Reading
- *PE*
- Singing
- Art/DT
- Reading for pleasure/ storytime

Thursday

- Liturgy
- English
- Maths
- Shared Reading
- Music/computing
- PSHE
- Reading for pleasure/ storytime

Friday

- Spellings
- Arithmetic
- Music
- Shared Reading
- Star of the Week
- Reading for pleasure/ storytime

Year 5 Curriculum Topics – Autumn Term



Humanities:

Science

Art & DT

PE

Computing

Vikings

Earth & Space

Textiles

Tag Rugby

Animation (Scratch)

Rainforest

Rainforest Art

Health &

Wellbeing

Music

French

English Writing

Narrative

Non-Chronologic

al Reports

Diary entries

Poetry

English Reading

Erik and the

Viking

The Explorer

Maths

Number &

Place Value

Four

Operations

Rounding

RE

Ourselves

Life Choices

Hope (Advent)



Homework

- Children will receive spellings/sentences, reading and maths from Monday to Thursday. They are to complete this daily.
 - Spellings sheets will consist of the spelling rules, high frequency words and, if applicable, topic words.
 - Sentences Children will need to write 3 sentences each night. These sentences will need to include the underlined spelling word from the sheet.
 - Reading Children will be expected to read aloud every night for 20 minutes. Please ensure you read with your child. It would be excellent if you could also discuss with your child about what they have read.
 - Maths Homework will be based on the learning in each lesson.
- Children will be set SPAG.com on a Monday to be completed by Friday. The pass mark is 70% (but they should aim for 100%).
- Children are expected to read over the weekend.

Dates for the Diary



- Royal Observatory TBC
- Kew Gardens trip 18th September 2024
- St OR Class Liturgy 3rd October DBH
- St T Class Liturgy 10th October DBH
- St P Class Liturgy 17th October DBH
- Carol Service at St Elphege's church 18:00-20:00 19th December 2024

Residential trip- more details to follow

- Assembly Tuesday 17th September 9am in Don Bosco Hall
- Wednesday 7th-9th May 2025



We would like to introduce you to some of the faces of our Parent, Teacher and Friends Association, The PTFA.



Left to right: Agata Czermak (children in Reception & Yr2), Angela Risebro (child in Yr3 and two St Elphege's graduates) Co-chair Ada Quirke (children in Reception & Yr2) Rebecca Taheny (child in Yr3 and school volunteer reader), and Co-chair Albertina Lloyd (child in Yr3). We always welcome new members. Please get in touch.

Contact us by email on ptfa@stelph.org or just come and say hi.

Registered Charity No: 1173387



Who we are:

We are all parents and carers with children at the school just like you, who volunteer our time to the PTFA alongside other commitments. Our goal is to boost our children's experience at school by funding resources that enhance their learning and their play.

Why we were set up:

The school, the local authority and the diocese can only provide so much. Many schools have PTFAs to raise extra funds to make their school a better environment. We are a charity and the money goes back into the school, paying for things like: books, playground equipment and even classroom resources. We organise various events and special treats for the children throughout the school year and we also aim to make school an enjoyable community for you to be part as well.

What we do:

We organise coffee mornings, Christmas and Summer Fetes, mufti days, cake sales and pre-loved uniform sales .

Other services include: printing the children's Christmas card designs, donating prizes, providing breakfast for Year 6s doing their SATs, gifting Holy Communion prayer books, buying refreshments for Sports Day, putting on the Year 6 Leavers Party and much, much more.

How you can get involved:

Whatever time and support you can give, no matter how small or big, contributes to our school community and what we are working to achieve.

We rely on volunteer Class Representatives from every class to help us organise events throughout the school and communicate with parents via Whatsapp. If you are new to St Elphege's, especially in Nursery and Reception, and are able and willing to be a PTFA Class Rep, please get in touch.

Look out for our monthly newsletters emailed from school with details of upcoming events and link to our next Zoom meeting.

Any other business...



- Please check your emails for an invite to your child's Google Classroom.
- Please can the children bring in any old clothing that you would be willing to donate. This clothing will be used in DT and will need to be disassembled.



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