Autumn 1 Weekly Update - 10/09/21

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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome to the first weekly update of the new academic year.

The children have well and truly settled into their new classes and have made a super start to the new school year. We have also enjoyed some lovely weather too!

Our first assemblies on Monday had a focus of 'Talents' and recognising that we are all unique and special. We thought about the ways in which we can 'Let our Light Shine' both in school and at home. I am sure it is going to be another successful year at St. Elizabeth's.

We have welcomed back Sam this week who reported that the children were very enthusiastic in their music lessons on Wednesday. Mr Borges was also very impressed with the Gymnastic skills and in particular the Reception children who he had for the first time. Well done Reception.

The Nursery staff have enjoyed getting to know the new children this week and I have been very impressed with how well they have settled.

We are pleased to welcome Fr Stephen Roberts who has joined the clergy team in Wythenshawe.
Fr Stephen has recently been ordained and we are delighted that he will be our link priest going forward. I have met with him today and he is eager to get to know the children and families in the coming weeks.

Finally, a reminder that I am on Jury Service for the next 2 weeks.

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs L Kelly

Congratulations to our Gold Award winners!

Reflection for the new school year!

Lord, please bless all our staff and children as they make their way back to their classrooms for another year.
Help them to feel excitement and joy in the promise of a new start.
Give them everything they need to start their classes.
Give them imagination and creativity to make wonders out of what they do have.
Help them stretch their imagination and their supplies.
Give them wisdom all year.
Help staff to have just the right words of encouragement for each child.
Please supply them energy too, Lord.
Let our children be excited about this wonderful world and all there is to learn about it.
Help them to be interested in each other, for there's a wealth to learn about and from each other, and this is true for teachers and parents as well.
Let this be a truly wonderful year for everyone.
Let everyone feel, at the end of the year, that they learned all they could and gave the best they had.

Amen

We are pleased to inform you that our breakfast club is open from Monday 13th September. Children in Reception – Year 6 are invited to attend breakfast club.

Children can arrive from 8am – 8:30am, please arrive via the Carling Drive gate. You must sign your child in at the office. If you wish for your child to attend you must book them in and pay via Parent Pay, the cost of Breakfast Club is £2.00 per day. Our Breakfast Club has limited places avaliable on a first come first served basis.

First Holy Communion

Children in Year 4 who we have recorded as a baptised Catholic have today received a letter regarding this year's First Holy Communion programme.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion for Year 4 will take place on Saturday 27th November at 10am. Please return the reply slip to school as soon as possible.

Children in our current Year 3 class will begin the programme in January.

Birthday Celebrations

Our children love to celebrate their birthday each year and enjoy sharing the celebration with their classmates. This year, we are asking children not to bring sweets into school instead children are invited to wear their own clothes on their birthday. If you would like to send a treat into school you could donate a book to your child's class library.

Healthy Schools

As a healthy school we are committed to ensuring our children receive a balanced diet and maintain a healthy lifestyle whilst in our care.

Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with fruit each day for their morning snack.

Children in KS2 are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for morning break. Confectionary such as chocolate bars, chocolate coated biscuits, sweets and crisps are not allowed as a morning snack.

If your child has a packed lunch please ensure you are providing a healthy balanced variety of foods for your child.

Packed lunches should not include:

- Confectionery such as chocolate bars and sweets.
- Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies or corned meat.

Our new school meals have some delicious new recipes and cooked freshly each day. Why not consider encouraging your child to try them?

Children must only bring milk or water to school. Water fountains are placed around the school so children can refill their water bottle with fresh, cold water throughout the day.

Swimming

From Thursday 16th September children in Year 4 and Year 5 will be swimming. Please ensure you have read the letter on School Jotter to ensure your child has the correct swimming kit.

School Uniform/PE Kit

A polite reminder that all children should be in the correct school uniform which includes a school tie.

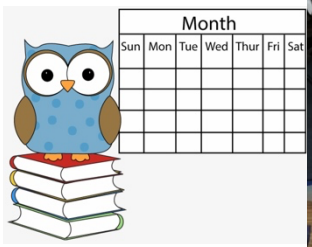
Trainers are not permitted as part of the uniform. Black school shoes only. Please see Mrs Kelly if there are any issues with footwear.

Any bows in hair should be small and royal blue in colour. There have been a number of large jojo bows which have been pink, red and multicoloured.

The only jewellery children can wear is a pair of stud earrings. Any other jewellery should not be worn for school.

PE kits should be worn to school on a Wednesday. PE kit consists of a white crew neck T-shirt and black shorts. Leggings are not part of our PE kit. In the winter months, if PE is outside then plain black or navy jogging pants may be worn.

Your child will have an additional PE session and you will be told which day this is. On this day the children will bring their kit in to school to change into.



Dates for your diary:

September:

Wednesday 15th – 9:30am, School Mass at St Elizabeth's church

Wednesday 15th – Year 5 & Year 6 cross country at Wythenshawe Park

Thursday 16th – Year 4 & 5 Swimming

Monday 20th – Cafod Assembly

Tuesday 21st – International Day of Peace