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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

It is hard to believe this is only our second full week back in school. The children are now well into our school routines, it's fantastic to see how busy and buzzing our school is after a very busy week.

On Tuesday, we welcomed back Artist Andy Leigh who will be working alongside our teachers to develop our Art curriculum. Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been very excited to receive their sketchbooks and the work they produced this week is excellent; we cannot wait to see what you achieve in Art this term.



Our highlight of the week has to be attending Mass and returning to St Elizabeth's Church. We were greeted with smiles from our parishioners; it was clear to see they'd missed seeing our

children and were delighted to hear the church filled with song and prayer. We pray that we will be able to continue to attend Mass with our parish family if restrictions allow us.

Next week, we look forward to marking International Day of Peace. As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of this important date, the children will participate in a walk for Peace on Tuesday 21st September.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss E Simmons

Congratulations to our Gold Award winners!



Reflection

Tuesday 21st September marks the 20th Anniversary of establishing an annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence on the United Nations International Day of Peace.



Dear God,

We thank you for giving us your peace. Help us to spread peace at home and at school by loving and caring for one another.

Help us to spread peace by listening to one another, even when we don't agree. Help us to spread peace by sharing our time with those who are lonely and who need a friend.

Help us to spread peace by thinking and praying for children who have no food or who are frightened and live in fear.

Let us pray every day for peace for our families, for our friends and for ourselves.

Amen

In the Spotlight

This week in Reception we have been sorting and counting. In pairs we sorted objects according to their size, colour, shape or type.



We also had our first session with Coach Fuzz from Manchester City. This week, we were playing games where we needed to listen, look and copy Coach Fuzz.



Our story this week was "Hello friend" and we talked about sharing and

caring and making new friends.

Well done Reception you have certainly 'Let Your Light Shine' this week, keep it up!

Sporting News

On Wednesday pupils attended a Cross Country competition at Wythenshawe Park. Mrs Williams was extremely proud of the children who attended. Possible finalists are: Annabelle Bloor, Kiera Smith, Keira McCabe and Jason Adelakun. We've got our fingers crossed as we await final confirmation for the final.



Pupils staff and parents were particularly impressed by the sportsmanship shown by all pupils who took part however, a special mention must go to Grace Williamson and Logan Solway who shown great determination throughout the race. Well done!



Rights Respecting

Article of the Fortnight

Article 12 – Respect for the views of the child

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Article 13 – Freedom of expression

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.



Pupil Parliament

We are very excited to re-establish our Pupil Parliament. Miss Simmons has been into each class today to remind the children of the responsibility being a member of St Elizabeth's Pupil Parliament brings.

Pupil Parliament promotes pupil leadership opportunities, enabling children to develop valuable communication, organisation and debating skills through key roles of responsibility and new experiences.

Pupil Parliament allows Pupils in Year 1 – Year 6 to be actively involved in the way our school is run. Pupil Parliament benefits the whole school family because it provides opportunities for pupils to communicate their opinions as well as influence the decisions that are made on their behalf.

If you would like to be a member of St Elizabeth's Pupil Parliament, please write a short speech giving reasons why you would be the best candidate and bring your speech to school on **Tuesday 21st September** so you can present to your class. Each class will vote for two Pupil Parliament class representatives.

Attendance WC 13th September

Year	%
Nursery	NA
Reception	95.7%
Year 1	92.4%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	98.6%
Year 4	93.2%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	96.7%



Well done to Year 3 with 98.3% attendance!

Whole school attendance last week was 95.3% which is below our target of 97%.

There are 177 pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

Congratulations to Year 2 with the best punctuality, all pupils were on time every day.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has been busy this week. 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 available on a first come first served basis.

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.

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.



PE Kit

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.

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

Dates for your diary:

September:

Tuesday 21st – International Day of Peace

Wednesday 22nd – Choir begins

Thursday 23rd – Year 4 & 5 Swimming

