

## St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to welcome the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of the City of Manchester to school on Monday. The Junior Leadership team joined me on the tour of the school and proudly told our visitors all about life at St. Elizabeth's. They also met with our Pupil Parliament and were very impressed with the work we are doing as a Rights Respecting School.

An assembly was held with Years 4, 5 and 6. The Lord Mayor explained his role and answered some fantastic questions from our children such as:

How did you become the Lord Mayor?  
What is the proudest thing you have done as Lord Mayor?  
How long does it take to be the Lord Mayor?

And of course .... Which team do you support?

On Wednesday our Year 1 and 2 children enjoyed their class trip to Eureka where they took part in a Gross Lab Workshop. Here is what the children said.

I hope you all enjoyed hearing about how your child has settled back to school during Parents' Evening and the progress that has been made so far. It has been lovely to speak to parents during the coffee afternoons and many parents have been impressed with the amount and variety of work that has been completed.

Today our Year 3 & 4 classes are visiting Yorkshire Sculpture Park and we look forward to hearing all about it upon their return.

Finally, it is a special for some of our Year 4's tomorrow as they receive the sacrament of the Eucharist as they make their First Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this special time.

*Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Kelly*

## Congratulations to our Gold Award winners!



## Reflection

This Sunday marks the start of the season of Advent, a word which means 'important arrival'. Advent is a time of preparation, a time to prepare to celebrate Christ's birth.

The Gospel reminds us that there is no time to lose. We shouldn't put off our good resolutions until New Year. Now, Advent, is the time to think about the way we live our lives to make any necessary changes.

Advent reminds us that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, into our world.

On Sunday, the first candle is lit on the Advent Wreath, the candle of **HOPE**.

Hope is not just a wish for good things to come in the future. It also changes the way that we feel and think and act. When things are hard, if we have hope that they will get better in the future, that helps us to keep trying and working to change things. And this then often leads to the difficult situation getting better.



We can share hope with others, by being with them in difficult times, by giving them a smile or a hug, or by helping them with something that is hard.

## Faith into Action

Let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome Jesus, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God, through living a good life!

## In the Spotlight: Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard finding out about Paddington's travels from Peru to London. They also visited the sights of London with Paddington finding out about them. We wrote postcards from Paddington to Aunt Lucy letting her know about the sights of London.



We were extremely impressed with the children's London models completed for homework.

We have started our new topic Children's Champion this week looking at and

comparing Victorian times and today. We will be learning about the impact Dr Thomas Barnardo had on children's lives and learning.

The Lady Mayoress and Mayor of The City of Manchester visited Year 1 this week. We were pleased to answer their questions and share our learning with them.



We also enjoyed sharing the children's learning with the parents at the coffee afternoon. The children enjoyed showing off their learning in all their books!

On Thursday we visited Eureka! What a fun filled day we had finding out 'all about me'. We enjoyed a shopping trip to Marks and Spencer's, going to the post office, becoming mechanics,



and finding the golden bullion bars in the bank safe. It was brilliant!

We are sure all the children will be asking you can they go again!



We will be designing and making our own puppets in design technology in the next few weeks. We are also looking forward to joining in with all the Christmas activities and will be beginning our preparations for Christmas next week with the start of Advent.

## Parent Questionnaire

As part of our ongoing commitment to provide children at St. Elizabeth's with an outstanding Catholic education, from time to time we ask parents to complete a questionnaire. This would usually take place in school on the evening of parents' evening.



However, due to the virtual nature once again this year this has not been possible. Today children will bring home a paper copy of the questionnaire and we ask that you return it by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Some of you may have already completed it during your coffee afternoon, if so, there is no need to re-do it.

When completing the questionnaire, please bear in mind that some things have been impossible for us due to covid-restrictions. However, I am sure you will agree, where possible we are beginning to get back to a normal way of working.

Many thanks for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.

## Rights Respecting

### Article of the Fortnight

There are two articles that provide a particularly strong link this week:

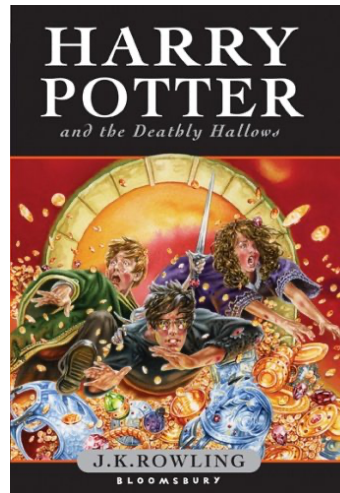
**Article 1 – Definition of the Child**  
Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

**Article 4 – Implementation of the Convention**  
Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.



## Library Corner

This week's Librarian Book Review recommendation is from Nancy in Year 6.



She thoroughly recommends 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows' by J K Rowling.

"This book is packed with adventure. When reading this book I'm transported straight to Hogwarts and ready to join Harry, Ron and

Hermione on their quest to fight the Dark Lord. I highly recommend this gripping page turner to 11 year olds and over."

## Rights Respecting Rangers

The Rights Respecting Rangers are focusing on recycling in school for the next few weeks. Especially during lunch in the hall.

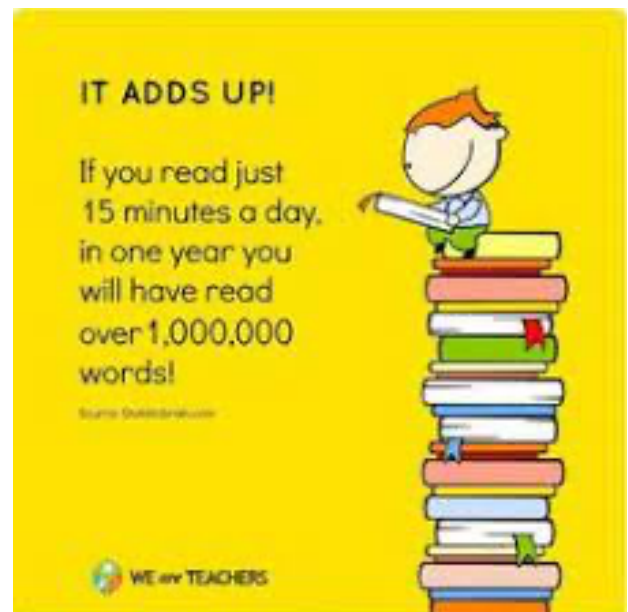
The children need to remember to separate all their food from any containers and use our green food bin. Please support the children at home with your own recycling.

Thank you from,

Lilly-Rae, Jay Jay, Sophia, Jasmine, Jason, Jude, Caelan and Jacob.



Speak to one of our Librarians if you have any suggestions to improve our school Library.





## Polite Reminders

### School Premises

Dogs are not allowed on the school premises.  
Please do not enter the school grounds with a dog, even if the animal is being held or on a lead;  
dogs are not to be brought past the school gate.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

### Winter Weather

Please may I remind you that the children **MUST** bring a coat every day to school. The weather is changing every day and we try to get the children out as much as we can, even if it is drizzling.



### Attendance WC 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Year	%
Nursery	91%
Reception	77%
Year 1	87%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	86%
Year 6	97%

### Attendance Matters



Well done to Year 4 with 98% attendance!

Whole school attendance last half term was **90%** which is below our target of 97%.

There are **179** pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

This week we only had 13 children late!  
Congratulations to Year **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2** with the best punctuality, all pupils were on time every day.

## Top Tweets



Please look at the tweets below, they give a great sense of what St. Elizabeth's is all about! If you don't already follow us on Twitter, you'll find us at @stelizabethsM22.

A live feed also appears on the front page of the website.



**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 23 Nov  
Year 5 are on retreat today at the Marist Centre.

It's great to spend some time away from school for prayer and reflection.

#LetYourLightShine  
#Prayer  
#Reflect



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You Retweeted



**EdStart Stockport** @EdStartS · 23 Nov  
Another **Fantastic** turn out for multi-sports After School Club  
@stelizabethsm22

Today was all about Football ⚽  
Everyone did amazing focusing on our passing technique before our small sided games!

Well done to our ★'s of the day, well deserved 🍌



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**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 22 Nov

It was a pleasure to welcome the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of the City of Manchester to St Elizabeth's this morning.

Our Junior Leadership team were eager to share our recent work on COP26 and enjoyed explaining different pupil led roles and opportunities in our school.



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**Tommy Judge** @Judge903Judge · 22 Nov

Replying to @stelizabethsm22

The Lady Mayoress and I had a wonderful morning visiting St Elizabeth's Primary School Wythenshawe, I was inspired / blown away by the confidence and knowledge shown by the young people. Thank you to the Head teacher and all her staff for a great visit.



**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 25 Nov

This week Cookery Club made a delicious pasta salad.

It's a shame there was nothing left to try!



@mcrhealthysch



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**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 23 Nov

Our cheerleaders were very busy this afternoon.

Today we focused on our jumps, balance and shape.

#WeAreProudOfYou  
@UKCheerleading



**Dates for your diary:**

**November**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** Year 4 First Holy Communion

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** First Sunday of Advent

**December**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** St Andrew's Day

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Year 4 & 5 Swimming

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Dodgeball at St Peter's Catholic Primary School

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** EYFS Carols in the Classroom

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** Carols by Candlelight & Christmas Markets (further details to follow)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Dinner & Party Day, children invited to wear party clothes

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** School closes at 1:15pm

