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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Reflecting on the week it's hard to believe how much we have managed to fit in!

Our week began with Pupil Parliament and Head Girl and Head Boy elections. As always, our children showcased their leadership skills, writing excellent speeches and letters to show how they believe they can make a positive impact to school life. We are delighted to announce our Head Girl, Jasmine, Head Boy, Vince, our Deputy Head Girl, Jemima and Deputy Head Boy, Oscar. It was a pleasure to read your statements and I am really looking forward to working with you and the Junior Leadership team.

On Wednesday, our first group of children set off on residential to CAFT. I had the pleasure of joining them in the evening, it was clear by the sound of laughter and broad smiles that each child had a fabulous day; one exclaiming, "This is the best day of my life!" I'm looking forward to seeing our second group of pupils who stayed at CAFT last night. We are incredibly grateful to CAFT for once again inviting us for a residential visit. We are aiming for every child to experience the Children's Adventure Farm Trust at some point during their time at St Elizabeth's; this may be a residential stay, Christmas party visit or a day trip to the farm.

The PTA disco was a huge success! It was fantastic to see so many families supporting the event. Thank you to our PTA members, parents and staff who made the event possible.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Simmons

Congratulations to our Gold Award winners!



Reflection

In Sunday's gospel we hear the story of two men, one of whom is rich and feasts every day on good food. The other man, Lazarus, is poor and he longs for something to eat. This story helps us to see how we should treat one another.

*Loving God,
Every one of us is special
and loved by you.
Help us to do all that we
can so that everyone
throughout the world is
treated as an equal.
Help us to understand that
we are all made in your
image and likeness.*

Amen.



In the Spotlight

Year 2 have had a busy start to the new school year and we have already completed lots of amazing work!

Our geography topic 'Land Ahoy' focuses on the island of Madagascar. We have been learning about its geographical features and what the landscape looks like. We loved learning about the different exotic animals that live there.

In science, we have started learning about animal habitats and we went outside to investigate what minibeasts are living in our school playground. We had lots of fun finding all the different insects and where they live.

We enjoyed reading the story of 'The Pirates Next Door' and it inspired us to create our own pirate characters. We have written brilliant descriptions of a pirate and used these to create wanted posters for the gold stealing rascals!



Art lessons have focused on learning about Vincent van Gogh and we have practised mixing with watercolour paints. We are looking forward to recreating his famous 'Starry Night' painting.

As always, we have been working hard in religion lessons and our new topic 'Chosen People' teaches us important

stories from the Bible. We have started off by learning about Abraham and the special task God chose him for.



Sporting Update

Cross Country

On Wednesday, our Cross-Country runners took part in the second School Games Cross Country Competition of the academic year. Once again our runners were superb, representing our school beautifully, showing great sportsmanship.

We are awaiting news of who has made it into the Citywide finals! Mrs Williams is confident our school we represented in the final.

Football

On Thursday, our Year 3 boys were invited to the Manchester United football tournament alongside 16 other schools. The boys were very excited to attend the event and were very proud to return to school announcing they'd placed third in the tournament. Well done boys, what a great achievement!

Coming up

Next week, we're looking forward to the Excel and Inspire Girls Football tournament at St Paul's. Good luck to our Year 5 & 6 girls who are attending the tournament.



Attendance WC 19th September

Year	%
Nursery	90.7%
Reception	89.9%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	99.6%
Year 6	95%

There are 205 pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

Congratulations to **Year 3** with the best punctuality; all children were on time every day!

Congratulations to **Year 5** with the best attendance this week. The whole school attendance this week was 95.9%.

Library Corner

All children were sent home with a selection of reading books. We ask that reading records and your child's reading folder is brought to school **every day**.



This term we will be awarding classes who have their reading records in school and signed every day!



Mrs Kelly writes:

A huge thank you to all the staff, Governors and parents. I was truly overwhelmed by your generosity, kind words, well wishes, beautiful assembly and so many thoughtful gifts. St Elizabeth's will remain a very special place in my heart. Thank you just doesn't seem enough to cover how I feel.



I have been made to feel very welcome at St Hughes and love receiving updates about what's going on at St Elizabeth's and how the children and families are doing. It's fantastic to hear how well you have settled into the new school year. I am looking forward to visiting in the future.

L. Kelly

Mrs Kelly

Black History Month



Black History Month takes place in October every year and is a celebration of key figures and events in Black history. Having begun in the USA, it has been celebrated in the UK since 1987, with the emphasis on celebrating particularly the history and contributions to society of people with an African or Caribbean heritage.

There is a different theme every year, for example in 2021 the theme 'Proud to Be', aimed to recognise the achievements and contributions that Black people make to the UK every day. The 2022 theme, Time for Change: Action Not Words highlights the importance of being an ally and coming together around shared common goals to achieve a better world for everyone.

Article of the Fortnight

Article 2 (non discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



Article 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups)

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.



Congratulations to our Head Girl, Head Boy and their Deputies



Mobile Phones

Children in Year 6 who walk home alone are allowed to bring their mobile phone to school. It must be switched off before coming onto the school grounds. Mobile phones are kept in the school office during the school day and given back to home walkers after school. There is no reason for children who are brought to school by an adult and collected from school by an adult to bring a mobile phone to school.

Home Walkers

Children in **Year 6** are allowed to walk home from school without an adult with parental consent. In the **summer term** children in Year 5 will be allowed to walk home from school without an adult with parental consent. Please ensure the office is aware if your child is a Year 6 home walker.

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 · 21 Sep

This International Day of Peace, seeks to remind people of all races and nations to think about universal peace. This years theme is 'End racism. Build Peace.'

Reception have marked the day creating beautiful dove prints. 🕊️🕊️🕊️
#internationaldayofpeace2022



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St. Elizabeth's MCR @stelizabethsm22 · 1h

VIP lunches are back!

These children have been spotted being excellent role models on the playground. Well done children!

#LetYourLightShine



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St. Elizabeth's MCR @stelizabethsm22 · 21 Sep

Group One has arrived @CAFTcharity and we are already having a fantastic time in the woods. Looking forward to an afternoon of exploring and meeting some furry and feathered friends... 🌳🦊🐿️🐇



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Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 27th September – Year 5 & 6 Girls football



Wednesday 28th September – Year 6 visiting the Aerozone at Manchester Airport

Thursday 29th September – Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 29th September – Come and Watch Me Learn, 3:15pm OR 4pm

Thursday 6th October – SEN Parent Workshop

Wednesday 12th October – Parents Evening