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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had a wonderful, restful and holy Christmas. Our first full week in school in 2023 has certainly been a very busy one. The children have come back with brilliant energy and increased enthusiasm for the term ahead. We often describe this important Spring term as 'Progress Term' and judging by the way the children have returned to school, we know that we'll see some excellent work this term. Every class has returned ready to begin new topics from Arctic Circle in Year 1 to Cry Freedom in Year 4; this term's topics all link to **Culture**.

Culture is a key component in our curriculum as cultural awareness helps our children appreciate and celebrate diversity. During their time at St Elizabeth's, our children will learn how culture affects perception, influences behaviour and shapes personalities. Please visit your child's class page to view this term's WHISK sheet.



On Tuesday, we had a special attendance assembly to celebrate the children who have achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn term; there were 57 children in total – well done! These children received a bronze badge and it has been lovely to see them wearing the badges with such pride around school. At the end of this term, these children will be able to achieve a silver badge if they maintain 100% attendance. In addition to this, children achieving 100% attendance for the Spring term can achieve a bronze badge.

Following the assembly on Tuesday, our children have also created attendance displays in their classrooms as a way to keep a close track on their individual and class attendance. Any class achieving 98% attendance during the week will receive a special prize during Gold Award!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Congratulations to our Gold Award Winners



Reflection

On Sunday, we hear how something special happened to Jesus after his Baptism. The Holy Spirit came down and rested on him. This is a perfect opportunity to think about the Holy Spirit and how it can help us to do what is right.

John the Baptist tells us how he saw the Holy Spirit come like a dove to rest on Jesus. Because of this John believed that Jesus was the Son of God.

A dove is one way that the Holy Spirit shows itself, but most of the time the Spirit is invisible. We cannot see it.

One way to think about the Holy Spirit is the wind. You cannot see the wind, but you can see the branches of the tree moving when the wind blows.

Like the wind, the Holy Spirit is very strong and helps us. We receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptised and the Spirit stays with us all through our lives, helping us to do things that are difficult.



Attendance

Attendance Expectations

100% - 98%	0 - 4 Days off	Good
98% - 95%	4 - 10 Days off	Requires Improvement
95% - 90%	10 - 20 Days off	At Risk of Persistent Absence
Below 90%	20+ Days off	Child in Persistent Absence

Attendance WC 9th January 2023

Year	%
Nursery	93.8%
Reception	86.8%
Year 1	90.7%
Year 2	95.3%
Year 3	91%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	92.3%
Year 6	94.7%

There are 181 pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

Congratulations to **Year 5** with the best punctuality!

Congratulations to **Year 4** with the best attendance this week. The whole school attendance this week was 92.5%.

Attendance Letter

Today you should have received a whole school attendance letter sharing our updated attendance procedures. Please take some time to read the letter ensuring you understand school expectations.

Here is a link to our website policy page where you will find our new Attendance Policy:

<https://www.st-elizabeths.manchester.sch.uk/school-information/policies>

2023 – 2024 Term dates are also at the bottom of the attendance letter.

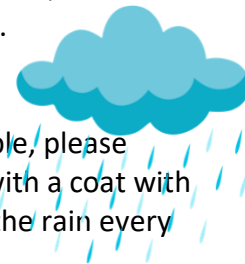
PE Kit Reminder

Children in Year 1 – 6 come to school wearing their school PE kit every Wednesday. Children also have an additional PE lesson during the week when the change into their kit.

Our school PE kit is a plain white round neck t-shirt (no logos). Children may wear black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms. In the colder months, children may choose to wear a plain black fleece, blue school fleece or their school jumper.

Coat Reminder

January weather is very unpredictable, please ensure your child comes to school with a coat with a hood which is suitable to wear in the rain every day.



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 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.



Debate Mate

On Thursday 19th January Year 5 and 6 will have a special assembly with Debate Mate to find out about the afterschool club. We've always produced great debaters and are looking forward to this year's Debate Mate competitions.



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.



EdStart Stockport @edstartS · 20h

Cheer 🗣️ After School Club @stelizabethsm22

Fantastic effort yesterday from our Cheerleader's working on their stunts

We still have spaces remaining for the term; book now to avoid missing out

edstart-stockport.class4kids.co.uk/info/38



Edstart Sports Coaching

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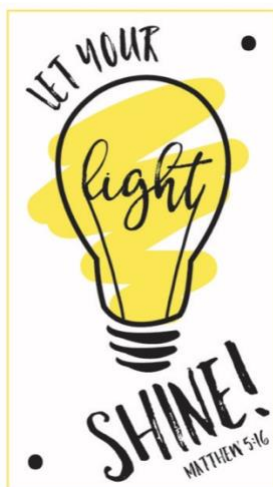


St. Elizabeth's MCR @stelizabethsm22 · 5 Jan

We are so proud of our Independent Living group after they hosted their parents this morning in our very own Italian restaurant. Throughout the last half term we have designed menus, taste tested, made bunting and flags, planned music and today we created 3 delicious courses!



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Times Tables Rock Stars

Want your children to ROCK at their times tables?

You know how important it is for your children to learn their times tables, but it's hard work for you and them.

Times tables Rock Stars is a Maths programme we access in school and your children can access at home too. The programme has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division.

To launch this learning platform, children are invited to come to school dressed as a Rock Star on **Monday 23rd January**. Get ready for a Rock Battle!



Dates for your diary:



January

Tuesday 17th – Year 4 visiting the Marist Centre

Wednesday 18th – Excel Basketball competition at St Paul's

Thursday 19th – Debate Mate relaunch for Year 5 & Year 6

Thursday 19th – Year 4 Swimming

Monday 23rd – Come to school dressed as a Rock Star!

February

Friday 10th – PTA event, details coming soon...

Friday 17th – Little Explorers trip to the Lowrey

Friday 17th – Half term, school closes at 3pm