

## St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Each week I find myself writing, "What a busy week we've had!" This goes to show that we never turn an opportunity down for our children at St Elizabeth's as we've had yet another VERY busy week!

On Monday our Rock Stars came to school looking incredible ready for a times tables rock battle! Our assembly celebrated all the excellent effort our children show in learning their multiplication and division facts. Every child from Year 2 has a Times Tables Rock Stars login so they can login in school and at home.

There is a leader board showing local schools; on Monday we were 23 on the leader board, this week we've crept up to number 20. The children have been challenged to reach the top ten schools; if/when they do the staff have promised to celebrate by forming a staff band and perform for the children!

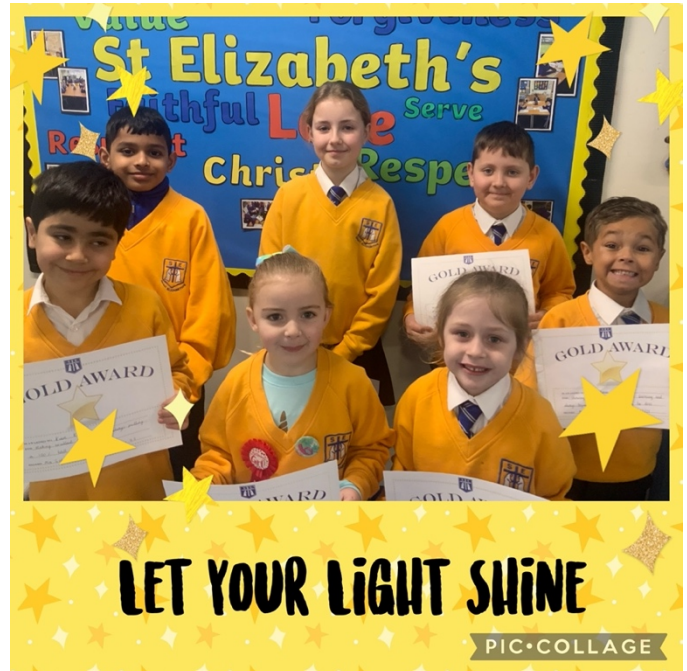
On Wednesday and Thursday, groups of pupils from across KS2 attended CAFT for an overnight stay. They enjoyed s'mores by the camp fire, feeding the animals, bouncing on the inflatables and stargazing at night. We're so grateful once again to CAFT for providing this opportunity for our children. We continue to aim for each child to experience a day or night stay at CAFT in their time at St Elizabeth's.

Yesterday, our Year 3 children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, making their First Forgiveness. The children led a beautiful service reflecting on the story of Zacchaeus and read prayers asking for God's blessing on their Sacramental journey. It was lovely to be joined by so many family members to celebrate such a special moment in our children's faith journey.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Simmons

## Congratulations to our Gold Award Winners



## Reflection

Today is the Feast Day of St Angela Merici, who is one of our chosen House Team Saints.



St Angela's story reminds us of our need to serve. When Angela returned to her hometown, she didn't like what she saw. Angela had been orphaned ten years before and had grown up in her uncle's house, where she enjoyed reading, learning and growing in her faith. When Angela came back to her town as an adult, she saw that the young girls of her town were just left to themselves throughout the day. These girls needed direction and the opportunity to read and to pray together. They needed an excellent teacher. So Angela decided to do something about it. She took the girls into her care, opening their eyes to the truths in the Gospel and in the world.

*Jesus, help me see needs in my community and meet them, just as Saint Angela Merici did. Help me know that one of my own needs is to meet the needs of others!*

*Amen*

## Nursery in the Spotlight!

Nursery have settled back into our routine really well since returning from the Christmas break and we have already been busy starting our new topic 'Snow and Ice!'

This half term, we will be learning all about the season of Winter, including how to keep warm with the appropriate clothes! We have already created snowmen pictures and Winter scenes, using a variety of printing techniques and finger painting to add snowflakes. We have even had some real snow, which was very exciting!



We will be learning about polar animals and finding out about animals that live in the Arctic and Antarctica. We are enjoying lots of stories around snow and activities you can do in the snow and ice.



Last week, we enjoyed playing with the penguin small world with our friends. We have been finding out lots of facts about Antarctica and

the penguins that live there!

In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on a different number each week and are continuing to work on recognising numbers to five and careful 1:1 counting. Last week we found out about the number 2.

This week, we celebrated the year of the rabbit by finding out about The Lunar New year and taking part in lots of Chinese New Year activities.

We certainly have another busy and fun half term ahead in Nursery!



## Sacramental Programme

Congratulations to our Year 3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation yesterday.



The children will now continue on their faith journey and begin to prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**, at St Elizabeth's Church.

On **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February**, Year 3 will attend Mass at St Elizabeth's Church as part of their preparation. This is an opportunity to celebrate Mass with our parishioners who have been praying for our children as they prepare to receive the Sacraments. Please join us at **10:30am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February**. There will be refreshments after Mass.

## Parish Sacramental Programme Preparation

Our children are also invited to join the Wythenshawe Parish Sacramental Programme Preparation to deepen their faith and understanding.

These sessions are on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February** and **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March**.

All sessions are at Sacred Heart Church guild room 10am - 12 noon. If you wish to register your child or have any questions, please contact Mike and Rose 07731856978.



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023

Year	%
Nursery	91.8%
Reception	86.2%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	91.7%

There are 188 pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

Congratulations to **Year 6** with the best punctuality!

Congratulations to **Year 3** with the best attendance this week. The whole school attendance this week was 93.8%.

## Polite Reminder

The increasing number of cars outside school at the beginning and end of the day is a common issue for many schools up and down the country. We encourage you to walk to school wherever possible. We politely request that parents and visitors to our school, park in surrounding roads

with thought and consideration for our children, other adults and the local community.



## 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.



## PTA Update

Our PTA met on Monday and have some exciting plans in place for the coming months.

Tickets for the Valentines Disco are on sale at the gate each morning. This event is for children only so ticket numbers are unlimited.

The PTA have future plans for an Easter Bonnet Parade, a Mother's Day and Father's Day sale and a school calendar.

Thank you to the PTA members and our staff who volunteer to attend events for our children and families.



## 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.



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

Group 1 have returned from CAFT and they had a fantastic time and avoided the rain! We made s'mores, decorated cookies, bounced like crazy, went on a night time walk and watched the stars!



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**St. Elizabeth's MCR** @stelizabethsm22 · 24m

Are you ready for a rock battle?  
Do you rock at times tables?  
We LOVED dressing up as Rockstars and we're ready to ROCK our fluency and recall in multiplication and division!



@TTRockStars  
#WeRock



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## Dates for your diary:



### January

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** – SENSitive Coffee morning, 9:30am

### February

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** – NEU Strike Day, Reception, Year 4 and Year 6 classes closed

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Year 4 Swimming

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Swimming Gala at the Wythenshawe Forum

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Valentines Disco, tickets on sale at the school gate each morning

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3 & Mini Mass at St Elizabeth's Church, 10:30am

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Little Explorers trip to the Lowry Theatre

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Chris Lubbe visiting Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Half term, school closes at 3pm

