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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Our week began with our Gospel Assembly lead by Mr Knight. The children reflected on the Sermon on the Mount and the beatitudes that Jesus shared with the crowd. Talking largely about being blessed brings a happiness of the heart, the children thought about what the keys to happiness are in everyday life. The sermon shared with the children is a good wake-up call for us all to live whole-heartedly for God through our Faith.

On Tuesday, we hosted another SEND parent coffee morning with the SEND Together group. Thank you to the parents who attended, the sessions are always very relaxed with plenty of tea, coffee, cake and great company. Keep a look out for our next date.

On Wednesday our Nursery children enjoyed Gymnastics with Mr Borgeous. It was lovely to watch them in the hall moving to music and using all the equipment. I was so proud with the way the children listened and followed the instructions. I think the Nursery staff enjoyed stretching too!

Our mission to move up the Times Tables Rock Stars leader board continues. I'm pleased to say we've now reached number 19 on the local school's leader table, keep it up everyone and we'll be in the top ten in no time!

This afternoon, some of our children across Key Stage 2 attended a Swimming Gala at the Forum. We're excited to hear about their afternoon and see if any of our swimmers have made it through to the second stage of the Gala.

Next week, we will be supporting Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Let's Connect'. To participate in the week, each class will complete a wellbeing activity each day centred around the 5 ways to wellbeing. We will be doing 'The 5 ways in 5 Days' so each day will have a different focus, culminating in our 'Dress to Express' finale on Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Simmons

Congratulations to our Gold Award Winners



Reflection

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us that if we do what is good and right, others will see that we believe and will praise God. We can be an example for others, like a light shining to show the way. Let's think about that light as we think about our relationships with others. If we love other people and do what we can to help them, then other people will see how great God's love is. We will be like the light that shines and is not covered up, so that everyone can see.

*God of hope,
May we be an example to others so
that the light of Jesus shines
brightly in the world. May we share
our light with everyone we meet
remembering our school motto,
"Let Your Light Shine!"*

Amen



Year 5 in the Spotlight!

Year 5 really have made a brilliant start to spring term!

In Literacy, we have been incredibly hard looking at features of biographical and autobiographical writing related to inspirational people. We have even created our very own biographies about the life of Nelson Mandela which contain fascinating facts.



In Maths, the children have been looking at multiplication and division, where they have shown great confidence when using efficient methods of division such as using the bus stop method for short division.



him. We have been discussing in class how we can all be inspirational people.

In History, we have been learning about our topic 'I have a dream'. We have learnt all about the apartheid movement and Nelson Mandela in South Africa and explored the Jim Crow laws and the impact that they had on different groups of people.

We have had lots of fun learning about this and look forward to learning lots more in the next half term!



Library Corner

On Thursday, we met with a representative from the Literacy Trust to discuss introducing a 'Little Library' at St Elizabeth's.

The 'Little Library' will be placed at the entrance point so that parents and children can access it after school every day. The library will be filled with books old and new. You will be able to visit the library taking and swapping books with your child/children. We're even hoping to have a selection of books for grown-ups too!



Thank you to our PTA for running with this idea and introducing us to the Literacy Trust who are funding our first 'Little Library.'

Sacramental Programme

On **Monday 13th 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 13th 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 25th February** and **Saturday 11th 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 30th January, 2023

Year	%
Nursery	84.5%
Reception	87.6%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	98.3%

There are 186 pupils with 100% attendance this week. Well done!

Congratulations to **Year 4** with the best punctuality!

Congratulations to **Year 4** with the best attendance this week. The whole school attendance this week was 91.6%.

Attendance Rewards

You might have already heard about our 'Wheel of Fortune.' Every week in our Gold Award Assembly the names of the children who have 98% or above attendance for the week are added to the wheel of fortune. We spin the wheel and the chosen name receives a five-pound note to add to the class attendance board. At the end of the school year each class can add up their prize money and choose a class treat to enjoy.



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.



Valentines Disco

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

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



St Elizabeth's Church Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning at St Elizabeth's Church after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 5th February.

The money raised will be sent by Rosaleen McLeish to help with food and medical care of the struggling people in Metcha, Ethiopia.



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.



WYTHENSHAWE WASTE WARRIORS @WarriorsWaste · 2 Feb

Amazing donated nature packages landing at our local Wythenshawe schools!

Rachel writes:

"We hope you enjoy the bird and bat boxes and we would love to see any photographs of them up and in use throughout the year. Please do get involved using hashtag [#BennettsBrilliantBoxes](#)



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WYTHENSHAWE WASTE WARRIORS
@WarriorsWaste

You Retweeted



EdStart Stockport @edstartS · 31 Jan
Multi Sports 🌟 ASC @stelizabethsm22

Handball was in full flow for today's Afterschool club 🏐
Plenty of exciting games throughout the mini tournament! 🍌

Hopefully we may have some future @englandhandball players on our hands! 🍌



You and 2 others



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Dates for your diary:



February

Thursday 9th – Year 4 Swimming

Friday 10th – Dress to Express for Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 10th – PTA Valentines Disco, tickets on sale at the school gate each morning

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

Tuesday 14th – Year 1 – Year 6, come and see our incredible Art and Design Technology work from this half term. Parents are invited into school from 2:30pm

Friday 17th – Little Explorers trip to the Lowry Theatre

Friday 17th – Chris Lubbe visiting Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

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

