



St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School  
*A Voluntary Academy*

Headteacher:  
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17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

As the Christmas holiday finally arrives after what has been a very different Autumn term, I would like to thank staff, children, parents and Governors for all your hard work and support this term. The staff team have, without question, gone the extra mile to ensure our children keep safe. We have had many lovely comments thanking us for all that we have done. I must praise the children who have adapted so well to all the changes and I am very proud of them all. This final week of term, and third week of Advent has certainly been one full of joy!

### **Staff News**

We were delighted to hear about the safe arrival of baby Ezra Michael Alexander on Tuesday. Both mother and baby are doing well and what a lovely way to end this year. We send our warmest wishes and congratulations to Miss Dwan, Dan and baby Ezra.

As Year One will be aware, Mrs Williams had a fall and has broken her leg. She was very upset not to be in school but managed to pop in to see the children today even on her crutches! We send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back in the New Year.

It is with sadness that I inform you that tomorrow will be Mrs Fletcher's last day with us. Mrs Fletcher joined us back in April and even though it has been a short time she has had a huge impact in school. She has offered great support to families and her colleagues and we will miss her from our team. Mrs Fletcher leaves us to take up a position at the Co-op Academy in Walkden as a Student Welfare Administrator. We thank her for all her hard work and support and wish her good luck in her new role.

### **Virtual Carol Service**

By now you will have received the link via School Jotter for our virtual carol service. We hope you enjoy watching and sharing it with your families over the Christmas holidays. I have already watched it 3 times and have shed a tear each time. It is truly beautiful and really brings home the Christmas message to us all. I am very proud of each and every one of the children. Special thanks to Sam who has worked so hard with all the children over the past few weeks in order to prepare something truly special.

### **Closing Arrangements**

As shared in the weekly update please note the staggered times for the end of the school day tomorrow.

**1.05pm Nursery/Reception**

**1.10pm Y3/Y4**

**1.15pm Y5/Y1**

**1.20pm Y6/Y2**

Please remember to keep safe and abide by the social distancing rules. I know the children will be very excited at the end of the school day but please still be mindful of the rules to ensure we can all enjoy a happy and safe few days when restrictions are lifted next week. I will resend the Christmas Track and Trace letter so that everyone knows exactly what they need to do should your child develop symptoms after school has closed.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and Governors I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the Autumn term. I hope that this holiday will be a time of rest, relaxation, joy and hope for you and your families.

With every good wish for a very Merry Christmas and Peace to all for the New Year. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Kelly  
Headteacher

### *Reflection to share at home*

#### *A Day to Listen*

*While we keep our lives busy  
with so many things other than you,  
yet, Lord, you still love us;*

*While we seem so far from you  
with so much to take us away from you,  
yet, Lord, you come to dwell among us;*

*While we are forever on the phone,  
or listening to the radio or watching TV,  
yet, Lord, you come to talk with us;*

*Lord, in the midst of all that's going on  
help me to listen to your voice,  
and to share with you this Christmas.*

*Amen*

