



St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

Headteacher:
Mrs L. M. Kelly, B.Ed.



Dear Parent/Carers,

6th September 2018

Welcome back!

It is hard to believe we are at the start of another new school year. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday with plenty of rest and relaxation with family and friends.

As you are aware, I am taking on the role of Executive Headteacher over both St. Elizabeth's and St. Anthony's during this autumn term. My general working pattern will begin next week when I will be at St. Anthony's from Monday to Wednesday and here at St. Elizabeth's on Thursday and Friday. In my absence Mrs McLaughlin will act as Head of School. Mrs McLaughlin has reported that all children have settled well back in to their new classes and I look forward to seeing them all tomorrow.

New Staff

We extend a warm welcome to Mr Sugden, School Business Manager. Mrs Meredith, Foundation Stage teacher and Mrs Galvin, Year 5 teacher. They too have all settled in to the St. Elizabeth's family and I'm sure you will get to know them over the coming weeks.

New Families

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be welcoming our new Nursery children and families we hope they settle in very quickly.

School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking beautifully presented, smart and ready to learn. However, I have noticed that a number of children still do not have school shoes and have returned wearing black trainers. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties which prevent you from buying school shoes please contact me to discuss this. St. Elizabeth's has high expectations in all areas and this includes school uniform. Also remember that our uniform for PE consists of: a white crew neck t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps. All children will need this PE kit in school for next Wednesday.

School Dinners

A polite reminder that the notice period needed to change your child's meal pattern is two weeks. A form can be collected from the office.

Gold Award Assembly

The first Gold Award Assembly of the new year will be held on Friday 14th September at 9.10am.

School App

All communication will aim to be sent via our St. Elizabeth's school app. If you have any issues downloading the app or logging into your account, please email the school office at admin@st-elizabeths.manchester.sch.uk

SIMS Agora

All payments and permission are to be completed using SIMS Agora. We understand that some parents are experiencing difficulties with their SIMS Agora account, please email the school office at admin@st-elizabeths.manchester.sch.uk if you are experiencing difficulties. We are currently working hard with Capita to resolve the problem, which is out of school's control.

Milk

Children under 5 will receive milk free of charge. If your child is over 5 and would like to have a carton of milk each day, the cost will be £21 for the year or £7 per term. This can be purchased via SIMS Agora.

Attendance

Please ensure all absences from school are reported to the school office on the first day of absence. If your child arrives to school after 9.00am please accompany your child to the school office and sign your child in on the system. All medical appointments will require an appointment card. Please do your best to support school with its high expectations of attendance and ensure your child is in school on time every day – **Be in line at 10 to 9!**

Breakfast Club

Please can I remind all parents that breakfast club opens at 8.00am and that for safeguarding reasons, all children MUST be signed in by a parent. Parents should enter via the hall door. Breakfast club is to be booked via SIMS Agora and closes on a Thursday for the following week so that staffing can be arranged.

Dates

All important dates can be found on the school calendar either on the school website or the school app. Please find some important dates for this half term below.

- ❖ Wednesday 10th September: Mass in School – 9.30am
- ❖ Wednesday 19th September: Curriculum Evening – KS1: 3.15pm, KS2: 3.45pm, Nursery: 6pm
- ❖ Thursday 27th September: Year 6 trip to Blists Hill
- ❖ Friday 28th September: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – 2.15pm
- ❖ Friday 28th September: PTA Welcome Disco – 6pm
- ❖ Monday 1st October: School Photographs
- ❖ Wednesday 3rd October - Harvest Mass in school – 2pm
- ❖ Friday 5th October: Harvest Fast Day – Own Clothes Day £1 donation
- ❖ Monday 8th October: Year 2 trip to Jodrell Bank
- ❖ Wednesday 10th October: Year 5 Class Mass in church – 9.30am
- ❖ Friday 12th October: Thumbs Up Friday – 8.50am
- ❖ Wednesday 17th October: International Evening – 6-8pm
- ❖ Friday 19th October: Break up for half term – 3pm
- ❖ Thursday 15th November: Parents' Evening

Many thanks for your continued support in all school matters.

Once again, welcome back and I look forward to working with you all during the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Kelly



Headteacher