



St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School  
A Voluntary Academy

Headteacher:  
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4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break with friends and family. The children have all returned to school refreshed and full of their usual enthusiasm for learning and this term, like all others, promises to be a busy time.

### **Attendance Matters**

I am pleased to report that we have seen improved attendance for the autumn term in comparison to the same point last year. We ended the autumn term with 95.9% attendance which is just below our school target of 96%. Thank you to all parents for your continued support in this matter. We begin the spring term with a special treat for all those who had 100% attendance. We are taking 74 children to the cinema to watch a special showing of Mary Poppins. Do not worry if your child is not included in this trip as we will be repeating this 100% attendance reward trip at the end of each term.

### **Attendance Meetings**

Where a child's attendance is causing concern we are inviting parents in to school to discuss ways in which we can help to improve this. Please do not worry about these meeting as they are designed to offer help and support to parents.

### **Change of details**

A polite reminder to all parents to remember to provide the office with any change of email address or mobile telephone numbers which may have occurred during the Christmas holiday.

### **Facebook**

We have received a number of complaints from parents with regard to a Facebook page which appears to have many negative comments with regard to school, staff and whilst not naming children, comments have been made which easily identify them. I am sure you will all agree that this is unacceptable. We aim to teach the children to have a positive digital footprint and expect that parents will be the first role-models of this. The Local Governing Body have taken advice on this matter and we would ask that any such comments are removed immediately or legal action may be taken.

I would like to remind all parents that if you have any concerns with regard to your child that school is the first point of conversation. We aim to be a listening school and will always support you with any concerns. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### **Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Epiphany Mass in church	9.30am
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Food nutrition workshop for parents	9.00am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 5 trip to Marist Centre, Chorlton	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 6 class Mass in church	9.30am
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 Family Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 class assembly	<b>9.15am</b>

The weekly update will be back next week, please remember to check the notice board section of the update for further or additional dates as they arise. The school calendar is also available on school jotter and the school website.

The first Gold Award assembly of the spring term will take place next Friday at 9.10am.

Finally, as you are aware I will be continuing in my role as Executive Headteacher and this term will be supporting St. Peter's Catholic Primary School. I will be working at St. Peter's on a Monday and Wednesday.

Many thanks for your continued support in all school matters.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Kelly  
Headteacher

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### *New Year Reflection*

*What shall I give him?*

Lord, as the wise Men  
Were filled with joy at finding you,  
So may we find our joy in you.  
And as they opened their treasures to you,  
So may we open our hearts,  
to share with you the treasure of our love.

May that bond of love which unites us,  
Grow ever deeper beyond Christmas,  
into the New year,  
So that our hearts,  
may always be filled with joy in you  
Amen



## *Let Your Light Shine*



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