

As we enter this special liturgical season of Advent, we are looking forward to many exciting events over the next few weeks as we look forward to welcoming Jesus. Please ensure you have looked at the important dates so you are aware of what is happening in school. This afternoon we have our Christmas fayre organised by The Friends of St Elizabeth's. Thank you for all your donations and support.

Winter weather

It has certainly turned much colder recently. Please ensure that your children have their coats in school for playtimes and lunchtimes. Also, please ensure that children are wearing tracksuits on PE days so lessons can continue to take place outside for as long as possible. Thank you.

Virtues ambassadors

Each class have 2 nominated virtues ambassadors. They help me to promote our Catholic virtues across the school. They have recently led an assembly for the rest of the school to introduce this half term's virtues of **Attentive and Discerning**. These can be tricky words to understand but through discussion and drama the virtues ambassadors tried to explain what they meant in a way their friends could understand. They are now looking to award virtues stars to members of their class who are showing that they are demonstrating these virtues in their every day life. Thank you to all our brilliant virtues ambassadors.

"It is important to be attentive and discerning so we can listen carefully to God's word. We can then make good choices about how we act towards other people. It has been nice to give reward stars to people who have really been attentive to other people." (Louie, Erin, Jude and Lilly Y4/Y5 virtues team)

Important dates

Friday 1st December - Christmas fayre
3.45pm - 5.45pm
Sunday 3rd December - Parish Mass led by pupils from St Elizabeth's. St John's church
10.30am. (all welcome)
Friday 8th December - Mass led by Y3 (all welcome)
Tuesday 12th/Thursday 14th December - Family Christmas breakfast (a few spaces still available)
Wednesday 13th December - Pre-school Christmas event 2pm (return slips to preschool)
Wednesday 13th December - Carol service St John's church 6pm (all welcome)
Tuesday 19th December - Pre-school and Reception nativity 2pm
Wednesday 20th December - KS1 nativity 2.30pm
Thursday 21st December - Christmas dinner day (details to follow)
Friday 22nd December - Mass led by pupil mission teams (all welcome).
Friday 22nd December - Christmas activity / jumper day. School closes for Christmas holidays.

We return to school for the spring term on Monday 8th January 2024.

Social media

Please follow us on social media to find out what our children have been doing and to keep up with important information. We have an 'X' account (Twitter) which can be accessed @elizabeths_cp. We also have a new Facebook account which can be accessed by following this link <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093043407490>.

Stars of the week

Reception - Harry and Phoebe

Year 1 - Mollie and Reggie

Year 2 - Dylan and Esmæ

Year 3 - Nancy and Benjamin

Year 4 - Maddison and Szymon

Year 5 - Patryk and Loredana

Year 6 - Izabela and Noah

Club star - Isabella

Lunchtime stars - Jeet-Anand, Eliza, Arianna, Eva-Maria, Freya, Ty, Lia

Congratulations to all the children who have been nominated in our Gifts of God assembly today. We are very proud of you all.

Parking

Unfortunately, I am still receiving complaints about the inconsiderate parking of a small minority of parents at the start and end of the school day. To ensure the safety of our children and to be considerate towards our neighbours, please park in a way that does not endanger our children or block the private drives of local residents. Next term, our school council are going to work to think about how we can help to stop this being an issue and make our school safer at these busy times. Thank you for your support.

Pope Francis says:

"Jesus identifies with those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, sick, and prisoners. He tells us that we are "blessed" when we respond to these poverties with love—not turning away but drawing near to those in need." Pope Francis



Prayer

Dear Lord,

I want to understand more about you and grow in my journey of faith. This advent, give me an open mind and heart to learn what you want me to know and to go where you want me to go. Teach me in ways that I will be able to teach others. Give me a desire for your Word.

Amen

St Elizabeth - pray for us.

Blessed Carlo Acutis - pray for us

At St Elizabeth's, our prayer intentions this week are for all people who are affected by the war in Israel and Gaza.