

*Thank you to everyone who has supported all our Advent and Christmas activities during the past two weeks. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and friends at our Nativity plays and carol service at the church. The pupils really reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you. I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful new year.*  
Mrs Walsh

**We Won!** Recently we entered a competition with Aspire supply agency to design some Christmas decorations using recycled materials and I am delighted to report that we won. Well done to Mrs Staines and all from the eco-team who contributed. We have won £250 for the school which will be spent on new books. Great job!

**Attendance** As you will all know, good attendance at school is a priority at St. Elizabeth's. Please find below, the attendance figures for each class since September. Well done to Year 6 with the highest class attendance. The overall school attendance for the term is 96.2 % which is slightly below our target of 97%.

Reception :96.5%

Year 1: 97.5%

Year 2: 94.3%

Year 3: 96.8%

Year 4: 95.9%

Year 5: 95.8%

Year 6: 97.6%

Thank you to all parents who ensure pupils attend school regularly and punctually.

**Art / DT days** This half term, each class has had a full day dedicated to art or design technology. All classes had a fantastic educational day. Reception class made Christmas cards and calendars, Y1 made moving models using levers, Y2 made castles from junk materials, Y3, Y4 and Y5 cooked nutritious meals and Y6 learned about CAMs. I can't wait to see what is planned for next half term!

### UPCOMING DATES

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** - School re-opens

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January** - Mass led by Y1

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** - INSET day (school closed to pupils)

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February** - Service of light at St. John's church for Y6 confirmandi. All welcome 6pm

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** - Sacrament of Reconciliation for Y3 pupils at St. John's church 6pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - Mass led by Y6



### *Pope Francis says:*

*"There are two attitudes typical of lukewarm Christians: putting God in a corner - either you do this for me or I won't go to Church anymore - and washing our hands of those in need. Let us get rid of these attitudes to make space for the Lord who is coming."*

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

### PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

*Dear Jesus, You are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth at Christmas. Amen.*