

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

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School Virtue Focus: **Curious & Active** - We are **Curious** about everything;
and **active** in our engagement with the world, changing what we can for the better.

This weeks school attendance: 94.7% School target attendance 97%

This weeks winning class is: Y4 94.8%

Rec: 85.9% Year 1: 93.2 % Year 2: 91.6 % Year 3: 89.9 % Year 4: 94.8 % Year 5: 88.4% Year 6: 94.3%

Happy Christmas & New Year!

Welcome back everyone and a very happy Christmas and new year to you all! Though the shops have taken down their decorations and their trading focus has moved on, in school, we are still learning about, reflecting upon and celebrating Christmas. It's all too apparent that in today's fast moving, fast paced world that when we recognise or celebrate an event our attention is almost immediately drawn to the next occasion or the next event but in school, we continue to focus on this wondrous event.



So when does Christmas actually end? Catholics and Christians across the world differ when answering this question. For some, Christmas is 'the day' itself, for some it is the eight day or octave of celebration starting on 25th December. For others, Christmas is the traditional "Twelve Days" ending on January 6th, the Epiphany, the day that marks the visit of the Magi to Jesus, bringing of their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. There are also many who keep celebrating until Candlemas on February 2nd.

So a happy Christmas to you all! May Christ's light shine upon you and through you.

COVID Expectations

Our return to school has witnessed, as we expected, a rise in Covid cases across Coventry. Thankfully, the cases are more of an inconvenience to most with milder symptoms related to the Omicron variant rather than the extreme cases we saw earlier in the pandemic. The disruption to school has however been clear with a number of staff and increasing numbers of children being forced to isolate. I myself unfortunately, have had to isolate until next week and have been unable to meet you and welcome you back to school for our new school term. That said, it has been wonderful to see and speak to our classes in assemblies this week and to see our Y5 children leading mass this week in church on the church livestream.

Moving forwards, we can expect further disruption but please continue to be assured we are working tirelessly to mitigate the transmission of the virus. Parents & carers, you can however do your part to help us. Please test yourself and your child on Sunday before returning to school next week. This will give us a clear picture of who should be or should not be in school. If somebody in your family is positive please test your child before bringing them back into school. Every case we can identify and stop bringing in into school will help to reduce transmission.

The Wednesday Word for this week is **Baptism**

Dear Lord Jesus, you are God's beloved Son.

Thank you for the gift of **baptism**, may we always remember that
we too are the beloved children of God. Amen



After School Clubs:



We are not restarting after school clubs at this present time due to increasing transmission concerns related to the Omicron variant. We will reintroduce clubs soon but currently feel our primary focus should be on maintaining the security of our daily teaching provision.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Golden Certificates for this week

Nursery: Ibrahim & Rares

Reception: Berlin & Yotam

Year 1: Shivanya & Jaden

Year 2: Abu & Divine

Year 3: Devontae

Year 4: Anushka & Jessica

Year 5: Karol, Lucas, Mike

Year 6: Doru & Layla

Writer of the week: Rebecca Y5

Diary Dates...

Remaining INSET Days: 6th June 2022

Spring half term: 21st February to 25th February 2022

End of spring term: 8th April 2022

Start of summer term: 25th April 2022

Summer half term: 30th May to 3rd June

End of summer term: 22nd July 2022

Every Lesson Counts

If your child misses a single day they miss their morning and afternoon register mark. Missing one day puts your child at a clear disadvantage from their classmates; as lessons progress they miss vital parts of their teaching sequence and understanding and upon their return, they will very often find it difficult to pick up and fill the gap they have missed. Of course, if a child misses two, three or even more days the impact on their education and ultimately their performance in assessments will suffer greatly.

Whilst we of course appreciate the challenges of Covid, please do all you can to ensure your child is in school has is given every opportunity to succeed in school and in life.



