

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary

'I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full'



17th December
2021

**St Elizabeth's
Mass Times**
Saturday 5pm

Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance

I am writing to inform you that as a school, we are really concerned about attendance. Children have had an interrupted education for the previous 2 years and they now need stability. We understand that some children may be absent due to Covid or isolation periods, however, some children are absent for reasons other than this and when we look at their attendance, it is less than 90% (which labels them as persistent absentees). When this is the case, Sefton Council state that we should put children on a monitoring period in order to improve attendance, and this is something that we will be doing in the new year. We cannot teach your child if they are not here and every day lost is important and is being taken away from their education- running the risk of them falling behind their classmates. Please ensure that your child attends each day and if they are not able to, inform the office each day of the reason for their absence.

Free School Meal Vouchers

If your child is registered with Sefton for income based free school meals, you will receive a text link to your vouchers on **Monday**. The voucher for each child will be worth £25 per week, so you will receive **£50 for each child**. This is £10 per week more than usual due to extra winter costs. If you cannot access your voucher, please call- from Monday onwards- and let the office know which supermarket you would like them printed for.

Fundraising

We are supporting both the PTA fundraising and also our linked school in East Meru as part of our Advent fundraising. The children have been asked to bring in 20p pieces to fill a Smartie tube to donate to East Meru. They are also able to purchase a PTA Christmas square for the chance to win a prize. Please support both fundraisers. Thank you.

BBC

We have been delighted to welcome the BBC into school to film our Y5 and Y6 children singing. This recording is scheduled to be played at the end of BBC Northwest Tonight on Wednesday at around 6:50pm. The children were a credit to us. There may be other clips of our Christmas celebrations, but with what is happening with Covid, we are not sure how much will be shown.

PTA

An advance thank you to Mrs Flannery of the PTA for organising the food and gifts for the children's parties next week. Thank you also for arranging the Christmas raffle and prizes. It is much appreciated.

End of Term

We have nearly made it to the end of what has been an incredibly challenging year for all. Thank you to parents/carers and all members of the school community for your continued support. Thank you also to all staff at the school for working so hard in these difficult times to provide your children with the many enriching experience that they receive here. We have had trips out, visitors to school, Santa Dashes, Tri Kids and the GANGS project to name just some of the things your child has taken part in.

Happy Christmas from all at St Elizabeth's and we will see you back at school on **Wednesday 5th January from 8:45am.**



Forthcoming Events

Friday 17th December-
Own Clothes Day

Monday 20th December-
Y6 Bulb planting

Tuesday 21st December-
Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 22nd December
End of term at 1:30pm

Please note:

Thank you to Linacre Mission for their kind donation of Christmas Hampers.

Please can all outstanding dinner money be paid up to date as soon as possible