



St Elizabeth
Catholic Primary
School
Newsletter

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20 December 2016



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Christmas is around the corner! The Infants performed their play, 'It's A Baby!' wonderfully. The singing was beautiful and they did a sterling job – what would an Infant play be without a few tears and the individual unpractised parts.

The KS2 children put on a wonderful account of the Christmas Story on Thursday evening. The singing was angelic. This year parents were welcomed by teachers singing and children playing the Violin and Cello. Ava played a beautiful cello solo to start the Christmas Service. It was great to see the work the poet in residence had been doing with the classes and their interpretation of or reflections on parts of the story. The commitment put into the Carol Concert, by children, staff and parents, is a true testament of our Christian beliefs. I hope to see the children at mass over the Christmas period.

Tis the season of good will to all and charity – A great big thank you to all the parents and children who have generously given to our charities this term. Thank you to the parents who contributed to our retiring collection which will go to our school funds.

Thank you for your contributions; Children in Need £259.00, Christmas Jumper Day £245.16, Scholastic Book Fair £480.00, Christmas Fete £1059.00, Collections from the KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Concert £309.84.

Goodbye:

It is with sadness that we have to say goodbye to Mrs Joseph (Senior Mid-day Meal Supervisor) who has worked in the school for over 4 Years; Mrs Sarah Williams (MDMS), who has been with us for 15 years, is moving on to work as a TA; Michelle Cannon who has worked with the children on various computing projects and helped with the upkeep of our website over the past 7 years is moving on to lecture at UCLA; Miss Maximin who has been with us for 3 years has resigned due to personal circumstances. We wish all of them every success in their chosen career paths. Good luck and thank you.

Can I wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas, filled with peace and good cheer.

Since September I have been working on poetry writing with years 3-6. Our aim is to promote the value of emotional literacy and to encourage self-expression in our students; providing the opportunity for them to write what they want to write, how they want to write it.

I have been incredibly impressed with the talent of the children at St Elizabeth; their writing is imaginative, honest and full of potential. I look forward to continuing our work in the New Year.

Here are some excerpts of the work produced
Christian Foley (Poet in Residence)

Haiku about My Favourite Food

Isaac Bello, Year 5

Sweet, precious honey
Valuable honey is a
Tasty pot of gold.

Light

Nicola, Year 6

Why do I write?
Writing helps me see in the dark
You're bright because you have fire in your heart
Fire keeps you warm even during a storm
Warm like the stable where Jesus was born
My imagination is bright like a star in the night
My imagination is a guide to Jesus' sight
I believe in it like
You all believe in us.

Disney

Blessie, Year 5

What's a princess without a prince?
What's Mickey without Minnie?
That's who I'll be without Disney.
What's a story without a villain?
What's Elsa without Anna?
That's who I'll be without Disney.
When Pooh hates "hunny"
When Peter can't fly
When Lilo leaves stitch
When Simba stops roaring
When Pinocchio stops lying
When Alice forgets Wonderland
When Dory forgets Nemo
That's when I'll stop loving Disney.

Do not be Afraid

Boaz, Year 4

Do not be afraid of darkness because that's where the stars live in the sky

I am afraid of heights but I am not afraid to fly

There are many things that I am not afraid of:

Spiders, tigers, fighters, bullies, teachers (you know who you are)

Do not be afraid of me.

I am on the right path to glory, this is a true story...

Do not be afraid of anything

Because when the sun shines, we've got hope (and vitamin D)

Do not be afraid of anything because you are amazing

No matter what people say.

Do not be afraid, you will be paid an everlasting gift,

This is not a myth...

Do not be afraid, you are fabulous in all sorts of ways,

That's why this poem tells you...

Do not be afraid.

Angels

Hugo & Joshua, Year 3

My Grandma was an angel on Earth and now she is an Angel in Heaven

My parents are angels because they cook what I like,

They fill me with confidence

They fill me with intelligence

My auntie is an angel because she is caring like a blazing miracle

I have about a million aunties, and most of them are angels,

In these modern days, Angels don't have wings

But angels are the people who do good things

I am an Angel because I believe in heaven

I am Angel because I help people pick themselves up after a fall

You are angels because you shine like Gabriel

You are angels because you are resilient like the almighty

We are angels because our dreams have wings.

Hopscotch

Ivy, Year 5

The heavy singing of the school hall

Commenced the beginning of lunch time.

Children scattered around the playground

Like rolling marbles

The feeling of excitement and freedom

Bubbled like a potion in a witches cauldron.



*May God's love
surround,
God's grace abound,
And heavenly peace
Be all around.
With Blessings for the Season*

ATTENDANCE UPDATE FOR THE AUTUMN

TERM

Class 1E	91.61
Class 1G	93.50
Class 2E	96.23
Class 2G	95.33
Class 3F	93.37
Class 3J	94.66
Class 4B	96.58
Class 4L	95.13
Class 5A	95.44
Class 5V	96.57
Class 6A	93.73
Class 6M	98.57
Class RG	92.86
Class RS	92.48
Totals	94.72

Class 6M has achieved the best class attendance since September 2016, reaching 100% on 4 occasions. Well Done to 6M, keep up the good work.

As you can see from the table, classes not achieving 95% need to make an improvement.

The following children have received a certificate for 100% attendance and no late marks.

Caleb RG	Isabella 4L
Karter RG	Shawneal 4L
Joseph RS	Barny 4L
Amarti RS	Natalie 4L
Gabriel 1E	Jermaine 4L
Ta'Leah 1G	Sean 4L
Lukas 1G	Alex 4L
Agnes 2E	Rachael 5A
Ava 2E	Taneesha 5A
Oshae 2E	Edward 5V
John 2E	Eryn 5V
Graham 2E	Blessie 5V
Philemon 2E	Jemima 5V
Marti 2G	Archie 6A
Luke 2G	Jordan 6A
Simer 2G	Ben 6A
Crystabella 3F	Fergus 6A
Michael 3F	Karl 6M
Kuro 3J	Daniel 6M
Zac 3J	Shenai 6M
Evie 3J	Yasmine 6M
Patrick 4B	Prince 6M
Max 4B	Angela 6M
Maria 4B	
Holden 4B	
Theo 4B	
Nathan 4B	

Well Done!!!

Could this be you next time?

