



St. Elphin's C.E. Primary School

Newsletter—Friday 12th January 2018

Good Citizen Awards!



Our **EYFS** Good Citizen award goes to **Nikola (RNP)** for being polite to everyone around school.

Our **KSI** Good Citizen award goes to **Tayla (Y2AA)** for being generally helpful and kind all around school.

Our **LKS2** Good citizen award goes **Maiste (Y3FN)** for showing humility and all our school values.

Our **UKS2** Good Citizen award goes to **Ollie (Y5LL)** for always using his manners and showing our values, a great role model to younger children.

WELL DONE EVERYBODY!

TEAM POINT WINNERS

Well done to Priestly for earning the most team points during this week.



Hello Everyone!

As this is our first newsletter of 2018 may we take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We pray for all our families and staff that the year ahead will be full of blessings, good health and happiness!

We missed the children over Christmas and have had a fantastic time catching up with them and hearing about their holidays. The children have come back with positive attitudes and ready to learn –we are so proud of them all. We have also had the opportunity to welcome some new families into school, which is lovely.

As we begin a new term, our focus Christian Value will be Self-control. The children are already underway, unpacking and exploring this value. A number of the children enjoyed a clip we showed in Collective Worship this week called the marshmallow test. Here is the link to it in case you would like to watch it for yourselves: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QX_oy9614HQ. See if your child can explain to you how we are all like the various children in the clip.

This week Curriculum Information booklets should have made their way home so that you can see all the wonderful things your child will be doing this half-term. If you need any further explanation, please speak to your child's class teacher.

As usual we are hitting the ground running with our attendance focus. Unfortunately our whole school figure has taken a dip. We worked so hard together to improve attendance in the Autumn term and we really want to get it back on track. Please read the back of the newsletter for information but also please note that your child's attendance levels and learning are impacted by every absence, whether it is authorised or unauthorised absence. Please contact Mrs Garner in school if you feel you need some support around improving your child's attendance and please also be aware that if your child's attendance dips below 90% you will be contacted from school by letter.

Today, we have received a phone call informing us that we will be having a Section 48 Church School Inspection, known as a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection next Thursday. We knew we would be having this inspection some time this year as we last had one in 2013. This is a really important opportunity for us and a chance to celebrate the vision, mission and values that underpin the excellent ethos of our school. We have much to be proud of and we are very much looking forward to the visit. We will keep you informed of the day's events and the outcomes following the day itself.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we will see you 8.45am prompt on Monday! Happy Friday Everyone.

St Elphin's verse of the week:

**FOR GOD
GAVE US A
SPIRIT NOT
OF FEAR BUT
OF POWER
AND LOVE
AND SELF-CONTROL.
-2 TIMOTHY 1:7**

FARRELL STREET: As you will know, Farrell Street entrance is coned off during the start and end of the day. This is to ensure the safety of all pupils at key times and to stop people from parking on the double yellow lines. We have placed the cones to leave enough room for cars to swing round and drive out to park on Farrell Street. However, more and more cars are using this space as an opportunity to stop, unload and park. We politely request that this stops as this is not a designated parking spot and access to the main school gates needs to be available at ALL times. Thankyou for your co-operation!

COLLEGE CLOSE: Please remember that these gates will be locked at 8.50am and 3.45pm. If you need to stay longer, please use an alternative entrance/parking place.

Amazing Musicians—Autumn 2

Liam (Nur) — For singing with a real passion—a rock star in the making!

Zuzanna (Y2) — Enthusiasm for singing in the Nativity performances and Collective Worship.

Tyler (Y3) - For fabulous African Drumming skills.

Ruby (Y5)—For excellent leadership skills to create a group composition.

Jessica (Y6) —For commitment and enthusiasm for singing. Growing in confidence as a performer.

SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL ACADEMY

PEACE CENTRE, WARRINGTON, WA5 1TW

9.30AM EVERY SATURDAY

FOR CHILDREN FROM AGE 18 MONTHS BOYS & GIRLS

DEVELOP FRIENDSHIPS, HAVE FUN AND LEARN NEW SKILLS

FREE FIRST SESSION!

GO TO WWW.PSFOOTBALLACADEMY.CO.UK OR CALL 07397 119 025

This Week's Attendance Heroes

3rd – 5th January 2018

EYFS:	Mrs Williams PM	96%
KS1:	Mrs Bonnar (Y2)	97%
LKS2:	Mr Baker (Y4)	100%
UKS2:	Miss Jones (Y6)	98%

Fantastic - Well Done!

Whole School Attendance **96.3%**

H Here

E Every day

R Ready

O On time

Every School Day Counts

Days off school add up to lost learning

175
NON SCHOOL
DAYS A YEAR

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175 days to spend on family time
Visits holidays, shopping, household jobs
and other appointments

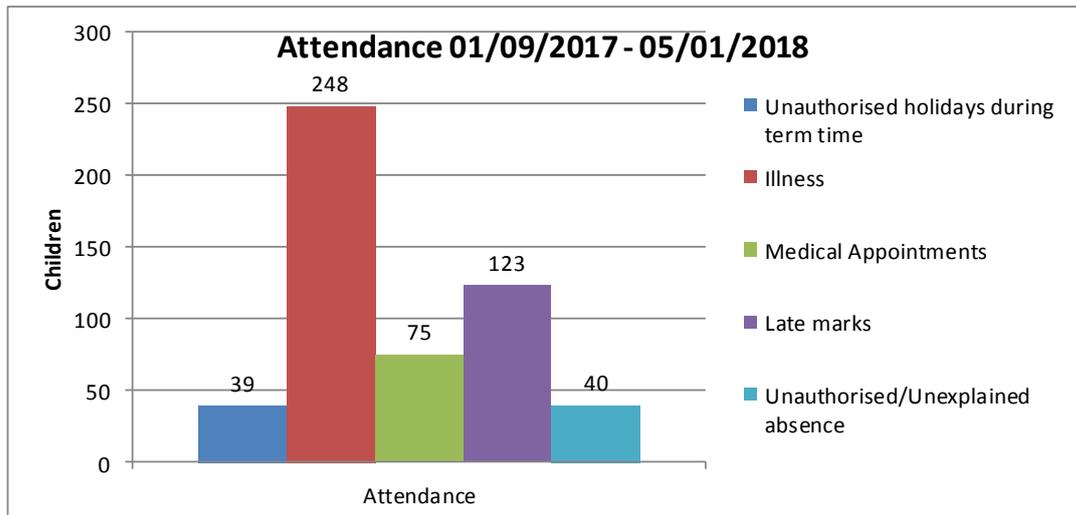
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 days absence	171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	29 days absence Half a term missed	161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	38 days absence	152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	47 days absence	143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
190 days for your child's education.										
100%		95%		90%		85%		80%		75%
GOOD Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start			WORRYING Last chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress.				SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Possible legal action			

- Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve
- Every school day counts



Take the St Elphin's 100% attendance challenge

- Here
- Everyday
- Ready
- On-time



This table shows how absence in the Autumn was distributed. We need to work together to reduce the number of absences, especially unauthorised absences and late arrivals.