



## St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

### ***Weekly Update*** from Jane Hines, Headteacher **11<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

#### **IMPORTANT Please Read – COVID-19**

On Wednesday, we wrote out to parents with a COVID-19 message. It is now more widely reported that cases are rising locally and nationally especially amongst children. This is a serious concern to our whole school community.

Please inform school as soon as possible if any member of your household receives a positive PCR test result or positive lateral flow test. If a member of your household has symptoms, they must arrange for a PCR test and the household must isolate. Children must not come into school.

At all times, please adhere to government guidance – failure to do so risks the health and safety of our whole school community. As a school, we strongly recommend families to take regular lateral flow tests. Details of how to access lateral flow tests can be found on Richmond Council's website [https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/wellbeing\\_and\\_lifestyle/health\\_protection\\_information/coronavirus\\_information/book\\_lateral\\_flow\\_test#home](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/wellbeing_and_lifestyle/health_protection_information/coronavirus_information/book_lateral_flow_test#home)

#### **This Week ...**

Today we welcomed our local MP, Sarah Olney to school. This really was a unique opportunity for our Y5 children in particular who had the opportunity to ask Sarah questions ranging from why she became an MP to what she would do if she was at the G7 summit. Our newly elected Y5 School Council met with Sarah and helped to host her visit. Sarah also talked to our Y6 pupils following their 'Choices' workshop and children explained what they had learnt, including the difference between peer preference and peer pressure.

Also this week, our Y4 classes participated in a 'Habitats' workshop at Holly Lodge in Richmond Park. Nature on our doorstep!

Our class assembly this week was prepared by Y5D on the theme of Judaism following our whole school study on Judaism this term. The assembly can be viewed by Y5D parents and will be posted in Y5D Google Classroom.

## **Looking to Next Week ..**

Our Y6 pupils will be taught how to be road safe on their bicycles as they complete their cycling proficiency with the borough.

On Thursday, 17th June, our Y6 Chaplains have organised a Mufti Day to raise money to develop our school prayer garden. Children can wear their home clothes on this day and we please ask that each child brings in £1 in an envelope for the Y6 School Chaplains? The Y6 Chaplains will share their plans with the school and we look forward to this new special outdoor place for use by all classes.

## **Million Word Readers**

Congratulations to Matthew in Y3 who has reached the target of reading 1 million words. Well done!

## **Reading Challenge**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the reading challenge before half term. Congratulation to Y4S, which was the class with the most completed challenges! We would encourage everyone to participate in the new reading challenge which finishes on 16th July.

## **Summer Fitness Challenge**

We are encouraging all children to take part in our whole school Summer Fitness challenge. This is a PTA and school initiative to both raise fitness levels and to raise funds for the school. The children are being asked to keep a track of the kms they walk, run, swim etc each week and these should then be passed on to the class reps by parents who will help to collate a whole class total which will be announced each week. We are challenging each class to complete 2021 kms in total by 9th July. We know that there are a number of parents and staff who are joining us in the fitness challenge who have set themselves a target for the month. We will be sharing information of how to sponsor us via JustGiving next week.

## **Community Information - Could you foster?**

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Harrow, who are urgently seeking full-time & respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them. To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in London and surrounding areas, please call 0800 389 0143 or email [foster@nexusfostering.co.uk](mailto:foster@nexusfostering.co.uk). Please also see the attached flyer.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines