



## St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

### ***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

#### **Educational Visits and Assemblies this week**

Y1 thoroughly enjoyed their educational visit to Kew Gardens this week which supports their learning on 'Seasons and Weather'. Our Y2 pupils were taken back in time on Wednesday as they took part in a workshop on the 'Great Fire of London'. Also this week, our Y2 pupils took part in scooter training, delivered by the Local Authority. This scheme forms part of the Road Safety Education and training that is delivered to schools by the council and has been developed in response to growing concerns for young children's safety on scooters. Every child in Y2 received their certificate – well done!

Today, we have had a whole school focus on Judaism and we were pleased to welcome Rabbi Zvi virtually into school. Rabbi Zvi held a whole school virtual assembly and then held workshops with classes focusing on different elements of Jewish life and worship. Our whole school study of Judaism continues next week in RE lessons, so please do speak to your children about their learning.

Our class assembly this week was prepared by Y4S on the theme of Pentecost which is celebrated this Sunday. The assembly can be viewed by Y4S parents and will be posted in Y4S Google Classroom.

#### **Hatching Chicks!**

As part of our Science curriculum, each year we arrange for Incredible Eggs to bring into school a hatching unit for pupils to see first-hand chicks hatching out of their eggs. This is a real life whole-school learning opportunity and such a positive experience, and it is very exciting as each day a new chick hatches and grows. So far we have 6 ducklings and we are waiting for 2 more to hatch! Watch this space!

#### **'Walk to School Week' encouraging Healthy and Safe Travel**

This week is 'Walk to School Week'. Despite the wind and the rain, children and parents have made a great effort in using active travel this week. We have seen families making a change from using their car and have come to school walking, scooting and cycling. The class with the most non-car journeys will be announced next week and will receive the golden boot award!

We hope that this week encourages an ongoing change in families in the way that they travel to and from school for the benefit of all. Active travel can make a big difference to the well-being and health of a child. Equally, active travel improves the overall air quality of our environment, and helps us be considerate to our neighbours and residents in local roads.

Please may we take this opportunity to share with parents how important it is to ensure that your child has a good start to the day so that they are ready for learning. A morning routine that is calm and organised, and arriving at school on time with items needed for the day, means that your child is set up for the day, happy and settled and set to learn.

For the safety of our children and to show consideration for school families and residents we would like to remind all parents and carers to follow the guidelines below.

- Do not double park. It is dangerous and causes inconvenience for the cars which have been blocked in.
- Do not stop on the zig zag lines. These are specifically there to allow children to enter school safely.
- Never block a driveway. We work hard to maintain good neighbourly relations.

### **School Photographs – Next Friday**

Next Friday, 28th May, Tempest Photography will be coming to school to take individual school photographs. Children should be wearing school uniform for this photograph. If your child has PE that day, or an after school sports club, please could they bring in their PE kit in a bag to change into after their photograph and for their PE lesson or club. We are currently speaking with the photographer to see if sibling photographs will be possible, and we will confirm this with you next week.

### **Million Word Readers**

Congratulations to Robert in Y5T and Sebastian in Y5D who have reached the target of reading 1 million words. Well done!

### **Half Term Sports and Fitness Camp for Children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6**

We are intending to host a Half Term Sports and Fitness Camp for children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 in the half term holiday on our school astro turf. This is an independent run camp by Daniel Matkin, a local tennis and multi-sports coach, who has been running sports camps for over 10 years. For more information on Daniel Matkin and Richmond Sports Conditioning, please visit <http://www.rsc.coach>

If you are interested in this sports camp running from Tuesday 1st June to Friday 4th June, please see the attached flyer for cost and registration and contact details for Daniel Matkin. As part of our school safeguarding checks for school lettings, Daniel Matkin has a valid first aid certificate, safeguarding certificate and insurance to coach, as well as a DBS.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines