



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher 25th November 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent preparations in school

Advent begins next week and our school hall is once again filled with the sound of singing as all the classes prepare to play their part in the retelling of the Christmas story.

Our Reception, Y1 and Y2 classes will be performing a Nativity play to which parents are invited on Friday 9th December at 10am.

Our Y3 children will be performing a number of carols at the Christmas Morning. Our other KS2 classes will also be singing one song each. The Christmas morning takes place on Friday 2nd December and all parents and families are invited to come along.

Our Y4, Y5 and both Y6 classes will lead the Advent Carol Service on the evening of Thursday 8th December at 7pm. Each family in Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be allocated two tickets and these tickets will need to be presented on the evening for entry. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate additional family members or siblings on this evening

Dress to Express Day

It was lovely to see the children coming into school today wearing clothes that express their personalities! This is a visual way to show the message shared in Anti-Bullying Week that we are proud of our differences and we respect the differences of others. Thank you for the hamper gifts brought in today. These will be made into Christmas hampers for the tombola for the Christmas morning.

Bingo Evening

The Bingo evening was a great success and it was fantastic to see so many parents, children and siblings there enjoying the fun! Thank you very much to the Y2 parents for organising the event and ensuring that everyone had a good time on the night!

World Cup Challenge

Mrs Diver and the Pupil Chaplains have come up with a fun way for us to celebrate the World Cup while raising money for Cafod in these last few weeks of term. Each class has been challenged to learn a number of countries, flags and capital cities and be sponsored for their efforts. The teachers are taking part too and there

will be a 'Test the Teacher' competition on Tuesday 13th December. The sponsorship forms are being sent home in reading packets and on Google Classroom.

We are also celebrating the World Cup with a sweepstake. In assembly on Monday all the classes drew countries and so each class now has four countries to follow during the World Cup. The children will also be researching their countries and will be presenting their findings. Do ask your children if they can remember their class countries.

National Poetry Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted a poem for the National Poetry Day competition. We are delighted to announce that the poem by Tristan in Y4 has been shortlisted, and will now be judged by The Lost Words author, Robert Macfarlane, for prize consideration. Good luck Tristan!

Calling all Writers!

There is still time for all children from Reception to Y6 to enter the Richmond Young Writers' Festival. Miss McCrossan has sent a ParentMail with details and the closing date for entries is Friday 2nd December. Please ensure your child brings a copy of their entry in so that we can also share this in school.

Values Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Values Award this week!

Reception – Freddie

Y1 – Mary

Y2 – Ali

Y3 – Emilia

Y4 – Layla

Y5 – Claudia

Y6A – Athena

Y6T – Elina

Have a lovely weekend,

Jane Hines