



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **2nd December 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Christmas Morning was a great success today! Thank you to the Y5 parents for their fantastic organisation and also to our KS2 children, and Y3 in particular, for adding to the Christmas spirit with their wonderful singing! It was lovely to see so many parents and family members there.

This is the first of many Christmas activities taking place in school over the next two weeks. Please see the upcoming dates at the bottom of this newsletter for details of other events.

World Cup Challenge

The children have until 13th December to learn a number of the countries who are playing in the World Cup, their flags and their capital cities in our World Cup Challenge. We practised naming the countries and capitals in assembly yesterday and it is clear already that the children have been working hard to learn these! The sponsorship money that the children collect will be donated to CAFOD to support families in need overseas.

Sharing the Christmas Story

The Pupil Chaplains wrote out earlier with details of our whole school Advent initiative based on the Las Posadas tradition. Each night a child is chosen to take home a special Christmas story book to read and share with their family. By the end of term each child will have received the book. Please do take time to read the story with your child. Suggestions for how you can share the book at home and prayers to say together are included in the pack.

Carol Service – please return unwanted tickets for re-allocation

The Carol Service for Y4, Y5 and Y6, and Choir pupils in Y3, takes place at 7pm on Thursday 8th December. Parents of children in these classes have been given two tickets per family for the service in your child's reading packet. Please return any unwanted tickets in an envelope to school as we will re-allocate these. Children should arrive at school at 6:30pm on the evening in school uniform.

Last Week of School Clubs – Two Exceptions

Please note that clubs have finished for this term with the exception of Football Club on Monday and Basketball on Friday (these are make-up sessions).

Sporting highlights this week from Mr Sagar

St Elizabeth's sports teams had a fortnight to remember. After a quiet start to the term, the last two weeks saw: four league fixtures, two Borough Football Tournaments, the Borough Cross Country and two boys representing the Richmond Cross Country Team in the London Youth Games.

The Rugby Team started the impressive start to the year with a 7 -1 victory over Holy Trinity. Next was the Netball Club, who played a league and a friendly game against Holy Trinity. St Elizabeth's won the league game 21-1 and the friendly game 13-0. The boys' Football Team opened their league season with a robust 11 -1 over the Russell School. Nyore scored a magnificent five goals whilst the girls' team fought bravely but lost to a talented Russell School team.

Rory and Charlie in Y6 represented Team Richmond in the London Youth Games Cross Country Competition. The under 11 boys' team finished an impressive 2nd and Team Richmond finished 3rd overall, earning the boys bronze medals. Well done boys!

The Richmond Borough Cross Country Competition was held in Richmond Park this morning. Our team performed well, with some great individual runs. We look forward to receiving the results.

Finally, St Elizabeth's had a historic cup run to be crowned Boys' Borough Football Tournament Champions. Forty schools from across the borough took part in this highly contested competition. In the morning part of the competition, the boys topped their group with three wins and a draw. In the afternoon they were in a league with the other top placed teams and managed to win two games and draw one. This put them in the semi-finals against St Edmund's. Despite trailing 1:0 at half time, the boys showed courage and perseverance to win 2 - 1. The final was a tense affair but St Elizabeth's continued to play an attractive passing game and held onto a well-deserved 1:0 victory. An amazing achievement.

This has been an amazing few weeks of results and we are so proud of all our teams and the effort they put into their sport. Hopefully, this fantastic cup achievement will live long in the memories of the boys and serve to inspire all our children to take part in and enjoy sport.

Upcoming dates

Friday 9th December at 10am - Reception, Y1 and Y2 Nativity in the school hall. Entrance for parents at 9:30am.

Friday 9th December at 2pm - Reception, Y1 and Y2 disco. This is a children only event. KS1 children can wear own clothes on this day.

Friday 9th December 6-8pm – KS2 disco. Parents welcome. Please see flyer sent earlier today by ParentMail and order form in your child's reading packet.

Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Lunch. Children may wear Christmas Jumpers if they wish on this day.

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Panto at Richmond Theatre for KS2. Please note that the panto ends at 3:30pm. We have sent home a letter today in your child's reading packet with details of collection arrangements. Please return the reply slip for your child confirming their arrangements for collection on Monday.

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Panto in school for KS1.

Thursday 15th December - Advent Mass at 1:45pm in school hall. Parents welcome to attend.

Friday 16th December - End of term at 2pm

Congratulations to the children for showing our School Values this week. These are:

Y1 – Amelie

Y2 – Marcus

Y3 – Honor and Dearbhla

Y4 – Lucien

Y5 – Leyre

Y6A – Arthur

Y6T – Zara

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines