



## St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

### ***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week, we have been assessing the impact of Monday's government announcement which confirmed that social distancing measures are to remain in place until 19th June. We are also very aware that numbers of positive COVID-19 cases are rising in the area, especially amongst children. In light of this, we are currently risk assessing our end of term activities to see if they can go ahead and in what form.

The good news is that our planned educational visits will still be going ahead. This will be particularly good news for Y6 who are heading off to Thriftwood Scout Camp on Tuesday next week for an overnight stay.

It does mean however that there will continue to be restrictions on parent visitors to the school site and we will continue with the bubbles, staggered timetables and social distancing in school until the end of term.

Unfortunately, at this point in time, it looks unlikely that we will be able to have our summer BBQ which had been planned for 9th July. It is also likely that our sports days will take place without an audience. These difficult decisions are made after consultation with local schools and following Department for Education and Local Authority guidance. While some activities may not go ahead as planned, we know that our children are receiving the full breadth of the curriculum and our staff are committed to ensuring that they have the best experience possible. We are hopeful that steps taken now will increase the chances of us returning to normal school life in September.

We will write to parents with arrangements for individual activities over the course of the next few weeks.

#### **Highlights this week ...**

Our Y6 cyclists had a great week! Our Y6 pupils have learnt how to be road safe on their bicycles as they successfully completed their cycling proficiency with the borough. They were especially pleased to receive their certificate and badge this afternoon.

Our Y5T and Y5D pupils braved the rain today and participated in a workshop at Kew Gardens on 'Art in Nature'.

Mufti Day was fun yesterday as the children enjoyed coming into school in their own clothes. Thank you for your donations which will go towards the development of our prayer garden. We are planning to commission an artist to create a mosaic of Mary for this special place in school and we look forward to sharing our plans soon.

## **A busy week ahead ...**

Our Y6 pupils will be packing their sleeping bags and pillows this weekend ready for their overnight residential at Thriftwood Scout Camp - a 2 day schedule of outbound activities awaits them!

On Wednesday, 23rd June, our Y1 children are off to London Zoo! They will be taking part in a 'Colour, Pattern and Camouflage' workshop during the visit - and of course see the animals! On Thursday, 24th June, our Y2 pupils are going to the Children's Literature Festival in Barnes and will be taking part in a 'Space Detectives' workshop with Mark Powers.

On Friday, 25th June, Y3 are off to Kew Garden to become 'Plant Scientists'!

## **Million Word Readers**

Congratulations to Carter in Y4 for becoming a Million Word Reader and Arthur in Y4 for becoming a Five Million Word Reader!

## **Summer Fitness Challenge 2021**

We are encouraging all children and parents to take part in the PTA Summer Fitness Challenge by walking, running, cycling or swimming as many kms as possible each week. Please encourage your friends and family members to sponsor your child's efforts by visiting the JustGiving page: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/stelizabethsptasummerfitnesschallenge>

All funds raised will go towards enhancing our school environment and new learning resources for the school and will benefit all children.

## **Can you help?**

Mrs Goldsmith has sent out a request for artistic parents to help with painting the scenery or making props for the Y6 production. Please do contact the school office if you are able to help, thank you.

Have a good weekend,

Jane Hines and the staff of St Elizabeth's