



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **7th May 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has already been a busy start to the term! Our school calendar is beginning to fill up with educational visits and workshops, as well as school events, and we will be sharing these term dates with parents shortly as we just finalise some details. We are especially delighted that our educational visits are starting again. Next week, on Wednesday 12th May, as part of their Science topic this term, both our Y4 classes will be visiting the Twickenham & Thames Valley Beekeepers' Association. This half term, Y1 will be visiting Kew Gardens on 17th May and the children will be taking part in a 'Seasons and Weather' workshop during their visit, and our Y2 children will be participating in a workshop on the 'Great Fire of London' on 19th May.

Yesterday, we sent out the online booking information for the Parents' Meetings that are taking place next week on Tuesday 11th May and Thursday 13th May. We see already that many parents have made their Parents' Meeting booking for their child/children. The booking closes at 10:00 a.m. on Monday morning, so please do book your appointment before then. If you have any difficulty in accessing the SchoolCloud system, please do contact the school office who will be able to help you. If you are able to, please do log in and test your camera and microphone before your first appointment time, and please be ready a few minutes before as your meeting will start automatically at the scheduled time.

The following week, w/c 17th May, is 'Walk to School Week'. This is an annual initiative by Living Streets, a UK Charity, to encourage school children to be more active during this week – they have set a 5-day challenge designed to help children reach their minimum 60 minutes of exercise per day! Please may we encourage all pupils – parents and staff too – to participate in active travel in this week. This can be walking, cycling, scooting or using public transport. If you do need to use the car to come to school, perhaps consider 'Park & Stride' from Sainsbury's Supermarket on Manor Road/Lower Richmond Road with a 3 hour parking allocation, or car share arrangements where possible. The class with the most non-car journeys will receive an award!

Today in your child's reading packet, you will find a newsletter from St Elizabeth's parish, as well as a booklet to use with children during Mass. While the obligation to attend Mass is currently still suspended, we know that many families are beginning to think about returning to face to face Masses as Covid restrictions ease. We would encourage you to visit your parish websites to find out about Masses, both online and in person.

We were very pleased to welcome Canon Brian Coyle who is the Parish Priest at St Winefride's in Kew to school this week. We are looking forward to welcoming all our parish priests into school to celebrate Mass for us as our pattern of whole school Masses hopefully returns in the Autumn term.

Our class assembly this week was prepared by Y2, and had a focus on Our Lady during this month of May. The children spoke beautifully and took part in a May procession to honour Mary. The assembly can be viewed by Y2 parents and is posted in Y2 Google Classroom.

Million Word Readers

Congratulations to Martha in Y6, and Gianna and Eliza in Y4S, who have reached the target of reading 1 million words. Well done!

Local Sports News

On Tuesday 18th May, London Irish are playing Exeter (7.45pm Kick Off) at Kew Bridge. Please find attached a form if you are interested in a ticket (with a schools discount).

Calling Netballers! Please find attached a flyer on Netball Academy sessions at St Mary's University in Twickenham for children in Year 3 – Year 9. The sessions are open to all abilities.

Calling Tennis players! Please find attached a flyer on London Youth Games Tennis Trials. Please note that players must sign up by emailing: Daniel.hayden@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines