



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher 23rd April 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and that the children enjoyed their Easter holiday.

We are really looking forward to this summer term and it is beginning to feel a little bit like normal. With current guidelines, we are now able to arrange some educational visits and educational workshops, and details of these will be sent out to the class in the usual way via ParentMail. Also this term, each class will lead an assembly, and a recording will be shared with parents from that class. We are in the process of arranging some of our usual whole school summer term events, and we will be sharing this programme of events shortly. Of course, all events are subject to government guidelines at the time! Our summer term clubs are also starting next week and it is so pleasing to see that children are returning to the activities they enjoy, and get such benefit from. For our Y6 pupils, it is their final term at St Elizabeth's, and we are busy planning to make it a 'term to remember'!

Next Friday, 30th April, is a school INSET day for staff training and school will be closed. The following Monday is a bank holiday, Monday 3rd May, and children will return to school on Tuesday 4th May. Let's hope the sun shines that weekend!

Welcome to our new families

Welcome to our new families joining school this term. It is always lovely to have new children joining the class and our school community. As we are seeing new families move into the area, if there are friends or family you know that are looking for school places, please do invite them to contact the school office for information as in a few year groups we do have spaces available.

Summer Uniform

We sent out a ParentMail at the end of last term, 26th March, about summer uniform. From this Monday, all children must come to school in their summer uniform on non PE days. For Reception only, Reception children have the choice between wearing their PE kit or summer uniform to school everyday. Full details of our school uniform can be found on the school website.

If your child is participating in a sports club either before or after school, for this day, your child can wear their PE kit, and stay in their PE kit all day.

Parents' Meetings

We will be holding Parents' Meetings this term and these will take place remotely on the evenings of Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th May. More details about booking arrangements will follow.

Morning Drop Off

We have noticed this week that some children are arriving late to school which is past their scheduled class bubble time. Not only can this be disruptive for your child, but it also has an impact on other class bubbles coming into school. Please may we remind parents of the importance of being punctual and for their child to arrive at school on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Values Awards

This week, congratulations to our children who have received a 'Headteacher's Award'.

Well done to Emilia in Reception, Emilia in Y1, Carlo in Y2, Claudia in Y3, Freddie in Y4B, Harry in Y4S, Gisele in Y5D, Bertie in Y5T and Joseph in Y6 for receiving a Headteacher's Award this week.

Million Word Readers

Congratulations to Hugo in Y6, Ginny in Y5T, Gabriel in Y5D, Alex and Mattia in Y4S, and Dara and Daniel in Y3, who have reached the target of reading 1 million words. Well done!

And many congratulations to Ethan in Y5D and Matthew in Y5T who have read 5 million words. This is a truly fantastic achievement. Well done!

Twice weekly rapid testing now available

From 9 April, all people in England are able to access rapid lateral flow tests, enabling you to test yourself and family members twice a week. The government is encouraging people to take regular tests to help prevent outbreaks and help us reclaim a more normal way of life. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/twice-weekly-rapid-testing-to-be-available-to-everyone-in-england>

https://richmond.gov.uk/news/april_2021/symptom_free_testing_available_across_richmond_upon_thames

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines