



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Update from Jane Hines, Headteacher **25th June 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Highlights this week ...

Our Y6 children had a fantastic time at Thriftwood Scout Camp this week. Their 2 day residential visit was packed with new and adventurous experiences including bush craft activities, axe throwing, crate stacking, zip lining and kayaking! We all sat round a campfire in the evening and sang together. It really was great fun and we are so pleased that our Y6 children had this opportunity – some great memories for them to take with them to secondary school.

On Wednesday, our Y1 children went to London Zoo and learnt about 'Colour, Pattern and Camouflage' in animals. On Thursday, our Y2 pupils went to the Children's Literature Festival and took part in a 'Space Detectives' workshop with the children's author Mark Powers.

Today our Y3 pupils have become 'Plant Scientists' at Kew Gardens!

Next week ...

On Monday, 28th June, it is the feast day of Saint Peter & Saint Paul. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and the children will be participating in a Mass by Zoom with St. Thomas Aquinas Parish at 10:00 a.m. Parents are also welcome to join Mass. Details can be found on the Parish website: <https://stthomasaquinasham.org/>

Some of our children will be saying bidding prayers and our school schola choir will sing.

On Friday, 2nd July, it is St Elizabeth's Feast Day and there will be a whole school Mass with Fr Stephen. Mass will be virtual and children will take part in this Mass from their classroom.

Years 4, 5 and 6 have a great opportunity next week to take part in a workshop and see a production of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'. This Primary Shakespeare programme with Orange Tree Theatre is a unique experience for the children to explore the play, acting alongside professional actors.

On Tuesday, 29th June, our Reception children are off to Bocketts Farm to see the farm animals and have a ride on a tractor! What fun!

Online Safety - KS2 Workshops and Parent Session

On Wednesday, 30th June, the children in KS2 will be attending an online safety workshop in school. The workshops will be delivered by Mr Peter Cowley who is the online safety adviser for Achieving for Children. There will be a lower KS2 workshop for Y3 and Y4 and an upper KS2 workshop for Y5 and Y6. These sessions will equip children with the age appropriate information they need to keep safe online and build on the school's own programme of online safety.

Online Safety Parent Session - Mr Cowley will be holding an online safety session for parents at 6pm on Wednesday 30th June. This session will take place virtually and all parents are invited. We would strongly encourage all parents to attend this session. Even if your children are not currently accessing the internet independently, it is useful to be prepared for the time when they do. Mr Cowley has the up to date knowledge of what children access online and how to keep them safe and he presents the information in an accessible and practical manner. Feedback from previous talks has always been extremely positive. The link to the parent session is: <https://meet.google.com/hkk-ainz-ztg>

Please be aware that this session is not suitable for children to attend.

COVID-19 – Essential to maintain social distancing and wear masks at drop off and collection

We are aware that numbers of COVID-19 cases are rising locally, especially amongst children. As we apply the highest level of caution for the health and safety of our whole school community, it is essential that parents/carers maintain a 2m social distance at all times when dropping off and collecting their child, and for adults to wear a mask. Our school risk assessment remains at the highest level, and we ask that parents adhere to these measures. We strongly recommend families to take regular lateral flow tests which are available from local pharmacies. Thank you for adhering to government guidelines.

Values Awards

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

Well done to James in Reception, Isabella and Mia in Y1, Harry in Y2, Adam in Y3, Samuel in Y4B, Dylan C in Y4S, Sebastian P in Y5D, Scarlett in Y5T and Thomas in Y6 for receiving a Headteacher's Award this week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines