



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **28th May 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are sure all the children (and staff!) are looking forward to the half-term holiday next week. It looks as if it will be filled with sunshine which we hope will stay with us for the second half of the term. Please be reminded that Monday 7th June is an INSET day and children should return to school on Tuesday 8th June.

There is much for the children to look forward to next half-term. Just to name a few ... our Reception children will be visiting Bocketts Farm Park and Y1 are off to London Zoo! Y2 will be visiting the Barnes Literary Festival. Y3 and Y5 will be participating in workshops at Kew Gardens and Y4 classes will be participating in workshops at Holly Lodge in Richmond Park. An exciting half-term for Y6 as they set off for a 2-day residential visit to Thriftwood Scout Camp for outbound activities, as well as completing their cycling proficiency in June.

The summer term is an exciting term and we are currently planning our end of term summer annual events, including sports days for KS1 and KS2 and our St Elizabeth's Feast Day Mass, as well as our Y6 leavers events. We are keeping a close eye on the possible easing of restrictions in June and we will keep parents informed of details as soon as we know more from government guidelines.

On 11th June, we will be welcoming our local MP, Sarah Olney to school. This will be a unique opportunity for our Y5 children in particular to talk to an MP about climate change and how Richmond is addressing this.

Also that day, Y6 pupils will take part in a workshop called 'Choices', which aims to encourage young people to make the 'choices' that are right for them. This is part of their preparation for secondary school.

We have been delighted to hold school council elections this week. This feels like another return to normality as our school council plays such a vital role in school life. We had a fantastic response with a record number of children putting themselves forward as candidates and delivering a speech to their class. The votes are still being counted but we would like to say a huge congratulations to all those children who took part. Well done to those who were elected and if your child is not successful on this occasion, please do encourage them to have another go next year and also put themselves forward for other roles which will become available over the term.

Despite the torrential downpours during Walk to School Week, we did manage to have an increase in sustainable journeys to school last week. We hope that many of our children will continue to walk, scoot, cycle or 'park and stride' to school as we head into summer. The class with the most sustainable journeys was Y5T and they have been presented with the Golden Boot by our Junior Travel Officers, Patrick and Maryclare.

Congratulations Y5T!

Please see below information about half-term holiday activities. Please also find attached a rugby opportunity from London Irish.

Wishing all the children a lovely half term week and time with family this bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines

Half Term workshops at the Museum of Richmond - Tuesday 1 June to Friday 4 June

Discover how the King's Observatory has helped us learn more about the Sun and celebrate the summer solstice by creating a special sun decoration for your home.

Workshops are aimed at children aged 5-11 years old. For children aged 11 and over, we can make the activities more challenging for them. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times, even for the online workshops, as they are family workshops to help parents and their children try something new together.

All workshops are £6 per child and include all of the materials you need for the workshop! Book your place at: <https://bit.ly/MoRFamilies>

Please note – workshops bookings close three working days before the event.