



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Update from Jane Hines, Headteacher **16th July 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Class teachers for our new school year 2021/22 were communicated this week, and children enjoyed the opportunity to meet their new class teacher as part of a transition afternoon.

Next week

Next week, we will say a fond farewell to our Y6 children and wish them all the very best for their new journey ahead. It is a very special time as we remember how much each pupil has grown, developed, matured and flourished in their time at St Elizabeth's. On Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., there will be a Liturgy led by our Y6 children, giving thanks for their time at St Elizabeth's. This will be followed by a presentation of the Y6 Governors' Awards.

Our Y6 school production is ready to be filmed on Monday and the children have worked and practised really hard. We hope that the whole school will be able to enjoy this performance in their classrooms next week.

Our last day of term is Thursday 22nd July and there will be a staggered collection time for classes. NSSport will be offering provision on this day for parents who need after school care. If your child is not attending NSSport, please ensure you collect your child on time.

Summer Fitness Challenge 2021 – *Thank you everyone!*

Our Summer Fitness Challenge has been great fun for the children! A fantastic amount of km have been achieved ... Let's keep going until the 22nd July! Thank you to friends and family members who have sponsored our children's efforts by making a donation on the JustGiving page: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/stelizabethsptasummerfitnesschallenge>

Over £1,500 has already been raised! We will keep the JustGiving page open for those that wish to make a donation over the summer. This is an amazing amount of funds which will help us purchase some new learning technology for the benefit of all children – we will share more details shortly. Our sincere thanks and gratitude goes to our PTA and Class Reps for co-ordinating this fundraising for school.

Million Word Readers

Congratulations to Eabha in Y5D for becoming a Million Word Reader, and to Alanna in Y6 for becoming a Ten Million Word Reader! Well done!

Values Awards

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

Well done to Sophie and Freya in Reception, Simon and Honor in Y1, Beatrice and Patrick in Y2, Soren and Dara in Y3, Willow and Eleri in Y4B, Lance and James in Y4S, Ethan and Pia in Y5D, Martin and Soraya in Y5T and Mia and Cecilia in Y6 for receiving a Headteacher's Award this week.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

"Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones most likely to fulfil their ambitions".

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest reading initiative for children aged 4 - 11. It encourages children to set themselves a reading challenge during the summer holidays to prevent the summer reading 'dip'. This year's theme is Wild World Heroes. Children can sign up at their local Richmond library and receive a Wild World Heroes collector poster. Everyone who reads at least six books will get a medal from the library (and a certificate will be sent to school in Autumn). The challenge ends on 18 September 2021. We would greatly encourage all children to take part and the class with the most certificates will get a special prize!

Supporting your child with home learning during the holiday - BBC Bitesize

For parents who wish to support their child over the summer with home learning, BBC Bitesize has numerous resources on their website for all ages, including a CBeebies Storytime App and episodes of Bitesize Daily on the BBC iPlayer.

CBeebies Storytime App: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/early-years-teaching-resources-cbeebies-go-explore-and-storytime-app/zdvyhbk?dm_t=0,0,0,0,0&dm_i=3YNL,1BD43,2M8PHS,4RDY9,1

Bitesize: 5-7 year olds: https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p0893dfq/bitesize-57-year-olds?dm_t=0,0,0,0,0

Bitesize: 7-9 year olds: https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p089g063/bitesize-79-year-olds?dm_t=0,0,0,0,0

Bitesize: 9-11 year olds: https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p089g0cc/bitesize-911-year-olds?dm_t=0,0,0,0,0

Finally, as we shared in our Weekly Update last week, we have a new school meal service provider which will start from September. Caterlink aims to use fresh ingredients from local and regional suppliers, and offer schools nutritionally balanced meals at the 'Gold Food for Life' standard. Please find attached a poster provided by Caterlink.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines