



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Update from Jane Hines, Headteacher **1st October 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

On Tuesday, we had a denominational inspection in school (RE Inspection). This is a statutory inspection which all Church schools must have. The inspection included the Catholic character of the school, including leadership, religious education, worship, moral and spiritual development, and links with the local Catholic community. Thank you to those who completed the parent questionnaire, we received a very good response and we appreciate this very much. We will receive a written report following the inspection which we will share with parents and which will be published on our school website.

Thank you to Y4 who led a brilliant assembly this morning on 'Going Green'. Y4 became 'Zero Heroes' and showed us how simple changes to our energy use and recycling can make a real difference. The assembly has been uploaded to Y4 Google Classroom for parents to watch at home. Our school also looks very green today as children and staff are wearing green clothes! Thank you to children and parents for supporting CAFOD with your donations. This 'Going Green' theme will be a continued focus for the whole school this year.

Next Week

On Wednesday, as part of Poetry Week, we are delighted that we will be visited by poet Rachel Piercey, who will be speaking during assembly and running poetry workshops for the classes. Her books will also be sold on the day.

Reminder of dates for Information Sessions:

Monday 4th October – Y4

Tuesday 5th October – Y3

Wednesday 6th October – Y2

Thursday 7th October – Y1

Monday 11th October - Y6 (new date)

We look forward to seeing you there. The slides used in the presentation will be shared with parents afterwards.

The week after half term, on Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th November, we will be holding our Parents' Meetings with class teachers. This time, there will be an option to either have a face to face meeting or a virtual

meeting (by Google Meet). Feedback from some parents is that Google Meet works well, and so we would like to offer the choice to parents whether they choose a meeting in school or virtual from home. We will send a questionnaire shortly asking you to confirm your choice of format and information will be sent shortly after, confirming the date to be assigned for face to face meetings and the date for virtual meetings (depending on the responses we receive).

Our educational visits and workshops for the Autumn Term are nearly finalised and letters will be sent home next week.

PTA Sponsored Cycle Ride 2021 to the Isle of Wight!

We will be waving and cheering our PTA Cyclists next Friday, 8th October, to send them off on their way to the Isle of Wight!

Our 30 cyclists will complete just over 100km on Day 1! On Day 2, the cyclists will cycle a loop around the Isle of Wight – before returning back to Richmond. Please do show your support by sponsoring our dedicated cyclists. Any donation, big or small, will be very gratefully received and go directly towards their fundraising target, and of course will help to motivate our riders with this amazing challenge.

Please make your donation via the PTA Sponsored Cycle JustGiving webpage: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/St-Elizabths-School-2021-IoW-cycle>

Foodbank

We are once again collecting food for Richmond Foodbank and our Pupil Chaplains are encouraging children to bring in an item of food each week. The children can place the food in the Foodbank boxes in the school hall. At the moment, the Richmond Foodbank would particularly like to receive the following items: tinned meat and fish, chocolate and crisps, toiletries and toilet roll.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines