



## St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

### ***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **12<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to Y6A who led a very thought-provoking assembly on Thursday for Remembrance. As part of their learning on WW2, children had researched their own families and shared with us stories about their own family members either serving or living through the wars. There were some amazing stories. For example Bertie told us of his great grandmother who worked with Alan Turing and the codebreakers at Bletchley Park and Martin told us of his grandfather who was so keen to pass his health test before joining up that he asked his school mate to do the eye test for him. He then went on to fight in the battle for Stalingrad. The children's research showed all of us how international our school community is and also how the war affected everyone across the globe. WW2 is a Y6 topic but perhaps children in other years may want to carry out some family research into their families experiences during the war and we can share these in class and assembly.

Today, Fr Stephen came to school to celebrate Mass for us on the theme of St Joseph. Thank you to Y5BC for preparing this.

*Bingo Night* was a great success! The children and adults all had a fun evening and it was lovely to bring our school community together to meet with friends and have an enjoyable evening. Thank you very much to our Y1 parents and the PTA team for organising this event for us.

#### ***Next Week***

Next Week is National Anti-Bullying Week. The theme of Anti-Bullying Week is 'One Kind Word' which supports very well our own school value of 'Kindness'. We will be exploring in assemblies and classes how 'one kind word' can make a difference.

We are starting Anti-Bullying Week with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday when we are inviting all children and staff at St Elizabeth's to wear different or odd socks. Wearing odd socks sends an important message to pupils that we are all different, all unique and we should all feel confident and valued for being ourselves.

On Monday, Y3 will be taking part in an interactive workshop on the Stone Age, and on Tuesday our Y2 pupils will be taking part in a WW1 workshop at the Museum of Richmond.

On Thursday, 18th November, pupils in Reception and Year 6 will have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme.

On Friday, 19th November, it is 'Mufti-Day' in school where children can come to school in their home clothes and in return we kindly ask for an item of food or drink suitable for a Christmas hamper, such as wine, mince pies, crackers, jams, chutney, Christmas pudding, chocolates and biscuits. Christmas hampers will be raffled at the PTA Christmas Morning on Friday 26th November.

### **Sports News!**

Well done to our Y6 Girls Football team for a great game this week against The Vineyard. Some great team work by all. And there is more football action next week! On Monday, we have two teams from Y5 and Y6 for a Boys Football match against The Vineyard, and our Girls Football team are taking part in a borough football tournament on Wednesday. Good luck St Elizabeth's!

Also, wishing our Y5 and Y6 runners the best of luck for the Cross Country in Richmond Park on Thursday.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Well done to 25 of our children for completing the Summer Reading Challenge. Certificates will be handed out in assembly to congratulate these children.

### **Notice for St Elizabeth's Nursery**

St Elizabeth's Nursery is seeking to appoint a part-time administrator. The working hours are flexible, term time only. For more information, and to apply, please contact the office on 0208 940 3015 or by email: [mgarnham@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:mgarnham@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk). CVs are welcome.

Finally, please find attached a flyer from Teddington Hockey club which outlines opportunities for children interested in playing hockey.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines