



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Update from Jane Hines, Headteacher **10th December 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our Reception and KS1 Nativity, 'The Bossy King', this morning was wonderful! The children performed, sang and said their lines so well and communicated the story of Jesus's birth beautifully. Thank you to Mrs FitzGerald, Miss Burr and our KS1 team for leading this beautiful Nativity.

Next week, our Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils will be performing their Advent Carol Service in the school hall on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and we can hear how well already they have been practising. Our Schola, Junior Choir and Orchestra will also perform on the evening. We have written out to parents today with regard to the arrangements.

Sports News this week!

In assembly this week, the Sports Committee inspired us to take up sport, sharing with us photographs, match reports from school fixtures and the sports they play at weekends. We have a range of rising stars who take part in ballet, hockey, football, rugby, running and swimming. They reminded us, that through sport, we can live our school values, keep fit and make friends.

On Tuesday, our Y3 and Y4 Basketball team were in action at Christ's School. They took on 4 other local schools in a round robin tournament. We started off slowly and as our confidence grew we only narrowly lost to eventual winners. Congratulations go to Joseph in Y4 for earning the 'rising star award'. Well done everyone and thank you to Richmond Knights Basketball and Christ's School for hosting the tournament.

Congratulations to the children who completed the 2.6 mile mini marathon in their break times to earn a certificate and commemorative pin badge.

Finally two notices this week! Please find a link to some 'Festive football fun for teachers, pupils and their families': <https://mail12.informationforschools.co.uk/?m=610b37a9-1bd2-49ff-85bc-4f846a151f71&p=view&pi=ViewBrowserPlugin&uid=790ff3e2f17d3c54bcb8fa938ca43c10>

Barnes Swim Club are holding trials now/early January. If your child would like to attend these trials, please complete the online form: <https://www.barnessc.org/trial--joining-form.html>. Your child's name will be placed on the waiting list and Barnes Swim Club will contact you.

Looking to our final week this term ...

On **Tuesday, 14th December**, we have our School Christmas Lunch when the children enjoy Christmas music and crackers as they eat their Christmas dinner. The children can wear their own clothes and a Christmas Jumper on this day if they like.

On **Wednesday, 15th December**, our KS1 children will see a Christmas performance of 'The Wind in the Willows' in school at 2:00 p.m. A letter has been sent home with a request for a contribution of £5.50. Thank you to those who have sent this into school.

On **Wednesday, 15th December**, our KS2 children will see a Christmas performance of 'Cinderella' at the Richmond Theatre. A letter has been sent home with a request for a contribution of £13. Thank you to those who have sent this into school. A separate letter has been sent home today in your child's reading packet with arrangements, please do read this letter carefully and return the reply slip back to school on Monday.

Our term ends at 2:00 p.m. on Friday 17th December. Please may we remind you that your child must be collected at 2:00 p.m. on this day?

Our Spring Term clubs schedule will be sent next week. School clubs will start week beginning 10th January.

As a final reminder to all. While for most people COVID-19 will be a mild illness, it is vital that we continue to protect everyone in our school community by preventing the spread of infection as far as we can. We encourage children to take lateral flow tests twice weekly and ask that you inform us of positive cases as soon as possible.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines