



## St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

### ***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **School Welcome Evening**

This week we were delighted to see the return of our annual School Welcome Evening. This was an opportunity for our whole school community to come together and hear about the developments in the school. The Pupil Chaplains took parents on tours of the school and the Schola performed brilliantly. A number of staff led presentations on the successes and priorities in their subject areas and we were pleased to have a number of governors and our Chair of Governors, Dr Oona Stannard, joining us. We hope that you found it an informative evening and that it has given you a flavour of the high quality provision at school. We will be sending through some of the slides used by staff so that those who were unable to attend can read these at home.

#### **Thank you to the PTA**

During the School Welcome Evening, we heard about the work of the PTA over the past couple of years and we learned how the money raised has gone to buy resources for use by the children. In the past year, the PTA funds have provided the school with three class sets of Chromebooks, table tennis tables and playground equipment, numerous musical instruments, reading books and much, much more. It would have been impossible for us to provide these resources without PTA funds.

We would like to thank our outgoing committee members, Marie Devine-Bloomfield as Chair, Stephanie Beckmerhagen as PTA Co-Ordinator, and Bernardine Waring as Treasurer, for all their amazing efforts. We thank Liza Maxwell as new Chair, and our new PTA Committee going forward and we look forward to another year of social and fundraising events.

#### **Macmillan Cancer Support Cake Sale and 'Brighten Up Day'**

This week our Pupil Chaplains have been busy organising a cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support which has raised a fantastic £300! Thank you to the Y5 and Y6 for donating the cakes!

In assembly today the Pupil Chaplains told the children about another initiative called Brighten Up which will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. All children are invited to come into school next Friday with bright clothes, hair etc and 'brighten up our school' with acts of kindness throughout the day. Children are invited to donate £1 to CAFOD on this day.

## **Safeguarding update**

In yesterday's assembly Miss Thomas, who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead, introduced herself to the children and explained her role in keeping children safe in school, at home and online. Miss Thomas shared our child friendly safeguarding policy which is displayed in poster form in each classroom. A copy of the poster has been attached to this mail for your information. We consistently give the message to our children that if they are worried or feel unsafe they can talk to any trusted adult who will listen and take action. In school this means all adults wearing staff lanyards.

## **Punctuality**

Thank you for ensuring that your child is in school before 9:00am. Our school doors open at 8:50am and the learning starts as soon as the children enter their classroom. Please ensure you give your child the best start to their school day by arriving on time.

## **School site during clubs**

We have been reviewing the security of our school site after school and during school clubs. At 3:25pm we shut our school gates to keep the site secure for school clubs and NSSport. The gates are opened at 4:10pm for clubs pick up and are shut once again at 4:25pm. Parents, carers and siblings are not able to stay on site during clubs and we ask that parents leave promptly after club pick up. Children are also not permitted to play on play equipment or with playground toys after school. These measures will ensure that the security of the school during and after clubs is as strict as during normal school hours. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

## ***Next week ..***

Tuesday 4th October Y5 Class Information for Parents Session in school

Thursday 6th October Y6A Assembly

Friday 7th October Y1 EV: Local walk

Friday 7th October CAFOD Brighten Up Day

## **Values Awards**

Congratulations to the children who have shown our School Values this week:

Y1 – Alba

Y2 – Harriet

Y3 – Kai and Dearbhla

Y4 – Naomi

Y5 – Emma

Y6A – Athena

Y6T - Benjamin

Wishing you a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines