



## **St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School**

### ***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we celebrated our Mass for the New School Year. Thank you to Father Peter Andrews for saying Mass for us, to our Y6A pupils for leading the readings and prayers and to our Schola choir who led the singing beautifully throughout.

During the Mass our new Y6 Pupil Chaplains were commissioned. Fr Peter presented the Chaplains with their badges and reminded them of how theirs was a role of service, much like Queen Elizabeth II.

The Chaplains have already led the whole school in prayer and they have shared their aims for the year. These are: to create more opportunities to pray as a school community and to encourage our pupils to be global citizens, helping our brothers and sisters throughout the world to make sure our world is fairer, peaceful and sustainable.

On Thursday 29th September, our Chaplains are organising a cake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Y5 and Y6 children will be kindly baking cakes which will be sold after school. Please do buy a cake to support this wonderful charity.

This morning we were very pleased to welcome Mr Richard Burke, Principal of St Richard Reynold's Catholic College into school to talk with our Y5 and Y6 parents. A reminder for Y6 parents that the closing date for applications to maintained secondary schools is 31st October. If any Y6 parents would like support in the application process, please contact the school office. For our Y5 parents, we will be sharing information about the secondary school transfer process in the Class Information Session being held on 4th October.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Our Autumn Term dates were sent earlier today; please do put these dates in your diary.

#### **School Welcome Evening on Wednesday 28th September at 6:30 p.m.**

We look forward to welcoming parents to the School Welcome Evening on Wednesday 28th September. This is an opportunity for all parents to visit the classes, meet the staff and governors and hear about different aspects of school life as well as our priorities for this year. The Schola choir will also be singing during the evening and the PTA will be giving a presentation.

Monday 26th September Reception Class Information Session

Tuesday 27th September Y3 Class Information Session

Wednesday 28th September Y2 Class Information Session

Thursday 29th September Y4 Class Information Session

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: 'No Snack Day'

### **Values Awards**

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

Y1 Valentina

Y2 Charles

Y3 Mateo

Y4 Tristan

Y5 Joseph

Y6A Hannah

Y6T Rafaella

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Well done to everyone who completed the Summer Reading Challenge! Children received their certificates today. Congratulations to Y1 children and Miss Bolger as Y1 had the most completed reading challenges!

### **Million Word Readers**

Many congratulations this week to Beatrice in Y4 who has read a million words. Well done!

### **Information from our local parishes**

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church invites you to join them for their Parish BBQ on Sunday 25th September at 12.30pm in the Church grounds. They are looking forward to coming together as a community. Tickets will be available on the day (£7.50 per person) and children under 5 are free. There will be a book stall and children's games too. It promises to be a fun family event and all are welcome! Poster attached.

St Elizabeth of Portugal Parish are fundraising for their parish restoration project. This is a link to their online auction which goes live today: <https://www.32auctions.com/StElizabethsRenewal2024>

Finally, wishing our Girls Tag Rugby team good luck at the Barnes RFC Tag Rugby Festival today.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines