



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher**

17th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly enjoyed some glorious sunshine this week! Thank you for sending your child in to school well prepared for the warm temperatures with a sun hat, sunscreen and their water bottle. We hope the sunshine continues into the weekend, especially for our children who are making their First Holy Communion. We wish these children and their families a lovely day.

This week, as part of our learning on 'Other Faiths', we have had a whole school focus on Sikhism. This is an important part of our school curriculum ensuring that children develop knowledge, understanding and respect for all faiths. Each class has had a particular area of focus and the classes presented their research to the whole school in assembly today. To support your child's learning, please do ask them what they have learnt about Sikhism this week. This resource may be useful to refer to: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsjpyrd>

What a fantastic start to the week we had! On Monday, Choir pupils in Y2 – Y6 performed at the Richmond Music Trust Singing Festival at the Rose Theatre in Kingston. Our children were so excited to be part of such a spectacular concert. Thank you to Mrs Fitzgerald for inspiring our children to love music and singing; the singing festival is really a wonderful musical celebration.

A great day for cricket on Thursday! Our two cricket teams played in the Borough Cricket Tournament. Well done everyone!

Congratulations to Y6A who have completed their cycling proficiency this week with the London Borough Road Safety Team. This is an invaluable course for the children to ensure their safety on our roads.

This week in school, we have participated in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online programme. In their own classes, children in Y1 to Y6 have watched the NSPCC online assemblies which share important messages to children about personal safety. Next week, on Wednesday 22nd June, speakers from NSPCC have been invited into school to hold workshops with our Y5 and Y6 pupils.

Information about the Speak out. Stay safe. online programme was shared with parents by ParentMail on Wednesday this week. Information and advice for parents can also be found via this link: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/safety

If you have any Safeguarding concerns about a child at St Elizabeth's School, please contact Miss Thomas, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, via the school office. All information is held in the strictest of confidence.

Key dates next week ...

Tuesday 21st June

Y5BC and Y5D will be taking part in a workshop on Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. This will enable the children to explore the play through drama. Children will watch the performance at the Orange Tree Theatre on Monday 27th June.

Wednesday 22nd June

Y1 Assembly - Y1 parents welcome to attend. Please come to the main door at 9:10 a.m. Please be reminded that there is no photography, filming or mobile phones. We ask for silence during the assembly as this is an act of worship.

Y5 to Barnes Children's Literature Festival - Y5 will take part in a workshop with a guest author Onjali Q. Rauf who wrote 'The Boy at the Back of the Class', which is one of the Y5 core texts. A fantastic opportunity for the children to meet the author of a book they enjoyed so much.

Reception children will be going on a local educational visit on Wednesday to an allotment to support their learning on 'growing'.

Thursday 23rd June

Our Reception, Y1 and Y2 pupils will be taking part in a 'Mini-Beasts' and 'Predators, Prey and Food Chains' workshops in school.

Friday 24th June

Y6 will be participating in a 'Choices' workshop (drug and alcohol awareness) as part of their preparation for secondary school.

Over the next 2 weeks, our Y6T pupils will be completing their cycling proficiency with the London Borough Road Safety Team.

And finally, your child will come home this evening with a special book to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee. All primary school children in the UK have been given this book as a gift and a souvenir to keep.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines