



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Update from Jane Hines, Headteacher **25th February 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our pupils have put in such a fantastic effort for their 'Sponsored Spell' this week, we are very proud of our whole school spelling achievement. Thank you to parents for supporting their child at home and for the generous sponsorship money in aid of the people of Afghanistan. Thank you to our Pupil Chaplains for organising this fundraising activity, and for leading our assembly just before half term and showing us how we can help those in need. We will let you know next week how much money has been raised for Afghanistan and of course, we will share how our staff Spelling Bee went too!

This week in assembly, we have been learning about 'Fairtrade Fortnight'. Fairtrade Fortnight 2022 is celebrating the farmers and workers who grow the world's food and promotes Fair Trade. Children have been learning about where our food comes from, and we shared the example of banana production in Columbia. All pupils have been set the task to look for the Fairtrade symbol on food items at home or in the supermarkets, such as coffee, tea, sugar and cocoa. Please help them to do this as we raise awareness for Fair Trade.

Also this week, our Y1 children took part in a History workshop at the Museum of Richmond. Children enjoyed looking at artefacts and playing with toys from the past which supports their learning in this term's topic about their grandparents and the time in which they lived.

Sports Highlights! Our school Netball team had a fantastic day at the Borough Netball tournament on Wednesday. St Elizabeth's qualified for the cup competition after some great play in the morning. Well done everyone for representing our school so well.

Next Week ...

Parents are very welcome to join us for our Ash Wednesday Service at school on Wednesday at 2pm. In the service, children will hear how Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and that we wear ashes as a sign of repentance. The focus of the Ash Wednesday Service is forgiveness, and our Y4 children will be leading the service for us.

Monday 28th February Y3 Educational Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Monday 28th February at 9:00 a.m. Reception Curriculum workshop and coffee morning

Tuesday 1st March at 9:00 a.m. Y1 Phonics meeting for Y1 parents

Wednesday 2nd March at 2pm Ash Wednesday Service led by Y4

'Book & Arts Week' Monday 7th – Friday 11th March

We are looking forward to celebrating 'Book & Arts Week' and this year's theme is 'Folk Tales from around the World'.

On **Tuesday 8th March**, it is 'Book Character Day' and children can come to school dressed as a book character. They can wear their costumes all day unless they have PE and therefore they will need to bring their PE kits to change into. There are plenty of websites which can help with ideas for the creation of homemade costumes. Please do contact school if you need any assistance with this.

On **Wednesday 9th March**, we are delighted that we will be visited by author Chitra Soundar, who will be running workshops for the classes. Her books are available to order and will also be sold on the day. If you would like to order one of her books, please see the attached pre-order form.

We would appreciate to receive the £5 voluntary contribution that enables this week to take place. We would also appreciate to hear from parents that can help during this week, original letter is attached.

Rosary Club

We invite all parents who wish to pray the Rosary together to come to school each week on Monday at 2:45 pm to 3:10 pm.

Values Awards

This week, congratulations to our children who have received a 'Values Award'.

Well done to Clodagh in Y1, Lily-Grace in Y2, Kate in Y3, Alex B in Y4, Lance in Y5BC, Ciaran in Y5D, Olivia in Y6A and Lily in Y6T for receiving a Values Award this week.

Million Word Readers

Many congratulations to Matteo in Y5D and Emilia in Y5BC for becoming a 1 Million Word Reader. Well done to you both. A special congratulations to Matthew in Y6A for becoming a 10 Million Word Reader. What an amazing achievement!

Important Notice

Finally, please may we alert parents to the ParentMail that we have sent earlier today regarding parking in the roads and private car parks near to school. This is an important message for parents of our school and your co-operation is essential. Thank you.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines