



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Update from Jane Hines, Headteacher **11th February 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Children's Mental Health Week'

This week we have celebrated 'Children's Mental Health Week'. This year's theme is 'Growing Together' and in classes children have had the opportunity to discuss how to try new things and support each other. We finished the week today with an assembly led by our School Council. It was also wonderful to see the children and staff 'Dressed to Express' today. The school was full of an array of colours and styles and it is a really good way for everyone to have an opportunity for self-expression.

Thank you for your donations to Place2Be, a charity that provides mental health support to schools, and thank you to our School Council for leading assembly today and for organising this charity collection.

For more information on Children's Mental Health Week, which includes numerous resources and advice for parents and carers, please visit: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Year Group pages on our School Website

We have received some positive feedback from parents since we launched our new school website last term, in particular how useful and informative the Year Group pages are. We continue to update these Year Group pages with termly information, and we especially encourage parents to view the subject Knowledge Organisers that detail what your child is learning that term as well as subject curriculum focus areas. To view your child's year group page, please visit: <https://www.st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+Groups&pid=9>

Also, Mrs FitzGerald is posting short videos of the children's Music lessons on Google Classroom so please look out for these as we would like to share the children's musical achievements in school.

'Sponsored Spell'

Last week, our Pupil Chaplains launched a 'Sponsored Spell' fundraising event to raise money to help the people of Afghanistan. Please can your child practice their spelling words over the half term and ask friends and family to sponsor them? On Thursday 24th February, our staff will be taking part in their very own sponsored spell too with the children asking the spellings! On behalf of our Pupil Chaplains – thank you in advance for your spelling sponsors!

An Invitation from Archbishop John Wilson and The Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion

Archbishop John Wilson, invites all school children, young people and parents to join him at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 13th February for Racial Justice Sunday. This is a time to celebrate the rich and diverse culture of our Diocese. This invitation is attached with more information.

Y6 Governors' Awards

Congratulations to Dawid, Olivia, Nehir, Christian, Scarlett and Raphael who have achieved their Bronze Governors' Award, and to Matthew, Logan, Laura, Martin and Robert who have achieved their Silver Governors' Award, all in Y6A. Our Governors' Awards rewards our Y6 pupils for acts of service, developing new skills and independence as we prepare our children in Y6 for secondary school.

Values Awards

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

Well done to Emmeline in Reception, Gloria in Y1, Hugo in Y2, India in Y3, Lily in Y4, Oliver in Y5BC, Eleri in Y5D, Ginny in Y6A and Lucy in Y6T for receiving a Values Award this week.

Million Word Readers

Many congratulations to Thomas and Sofia in Y4 for becoming a 1 Million Word Reader. And many congratulations to Dara in Y4 for becoming a 5 Million Word Reader. Well done everyone!

Upcoming Dates After Half Term

22nd February - Y1 Educational Visit to Museum of Richmond

23rd February – Reception Visit to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

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

28th February - Reception Curriculum workshop and coffee morning

1st March - Y1 Phonics meeting for Y1 parents

2 March - Ash Wednesday Assembly led by Y4 – Parents invited to attend

Finally, we would like to thank our parents and carers for their continued support and positivity this term as Covid has caused disruption for some of our families. Once again we are so proud of the children for showing tremendous resilience and a continued excellent attitude to learning both in school and at home. On behalf of all our staff, we wish you and your family a very happy half term break and we look forward to seeing the children return on Monday 21st February.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines