



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

### ***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **4<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school, we celebrated the Lunar New Year with a very special 'Chinese New Year' assembly. Thank you to our parents of the school, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Mulry and Mrs Shum, for coming into school and sharing with us how and why the Lunar New Year is celebrated. The children loved seeing the artefacts and learning about the story of the Chinese Zodiac. Joshua and Dawid in Y6A said "We enjoyed finding out about our Chinese Zodiac animal, rabbit and tiger."

Our Y2 pupils were taken back in time on Thursday as they took part in a fantastic workshop on the 'Great Fire of London'. The children learnt how the fire started and its consequences. Alianna in Y2 was able to explain this clearly when she said "The Great Fire was both bad and good because although it destroyed the houses, London was rebuilt better than before with fewer rats."

*Sports Highlights!* This week, our Girls Football team were in league action against St Richard's School. The first half was a good contest and there were plenty of opportunities for both teams. Great goal keeping, accurate passing and an exciting finish resulted in a well-deserved 2-0 win for St Elizabeth's! Well done to all the team who played so well.

#### ***Next Week ...***

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme is 'Growing Together'. The aim of this week is to encourage children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow. Mrs Compton, our PSHE and Well-being Co-ordinator, will be leading activities across the whole school during this week, and in each assembly we will be exploring and talking about growing emotionally and how trying new things can help us.

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/>

#### **Values Awards**

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

Well done to Emma in Reception, Georgia in Y1, Beatrice in Y2, Zac in Y3, Sofie in Y4, Natasha in Y5BC, Sophie in Y5D, Laura in Y6A and Daniel in Y6T for receiving a Values Award this week.

## **Term and Holiday Dates - Change of Staff Training Day (INSET Day)**

We have sent a ParentMail today advising parents of a change that we are making to the term dates this academic year. In the Summer Term, we had planned for a Staff Training Day (INSET Day) on Monday 6th June. This Staff Training Day has been moved to Monday 21st March and pupils will not come into school on this day. This change of date is essential as we have been able to secure important staff training on this day which will benefit all pupils in school, and this date is only available for St Elizabeth's this year. Therefore, Monday 6th June is a school day and pupils will come to school.

## **Half Term Activities**

In addition to after school provision, NSSport run holiday camps in each of our school holidays. Please see the attached brochures from NSSport about their half term holiday programme. If your child receives the Pupil Premium Grant and you would like to access the holiday camp, please speak with Mrs Diver.

Please also find attached a flyer about a Half Term holiday camp from Richmond Knights Basketball, as well as a flyer from The Holly Lodge Centre and The Friends of Richmond Park Discoverers who are running a free activity trail for families in Richmond Park.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines