



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

### ***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, as reported by schools across the Richmond Borough, we have seen a rise in the number of positive Covid cases in school. Some classes have more cases with children isolating than others, and we continue to monitor every day the number of cases in each class. Please do make sure that you read the ParentMail sent earlier today for specific information about isolation periods and lateral flow testing. This is essential to ensure that guidance is followed correctly and to help prevent the spread of infection.

Despite the challenges that this brings, it is pleasing to share that it has been a great week in school and children have continued to show their excellent attitudes to learning in their classes. Well done also to the children who are isolating and completing work on Google Classroom; their effort and hard work is being recognised.

#### ***This Week ...***

#### **New Year's Resolutions**

In our assemblies this week, we have been learning about the last two of our New Year's Resolutions which have a focus on Writing. The first resolution is to practise handwriting to ensure that it is as neat as possible. The second resolution is to proof read and edit written work, whether this be on the computer or written by hand.

The overall aim of our New Year's Resolutions is to enable our children to become successful and confident communicators in both spoken and written English. You can help your child at home by reading their writing aloud with them, encouraging them to spot mistakes and helping them up-level their writing with descriptions and ambitious vocabulary. As speaking is the key to developing writing, please do also continue to set aside 10 minutes of uninterrupted talk with your child each day.

#### **Y5BC assembly**

On Wednesday this week, Y5BC led the school in assembly. The focus of the assembly was finding their mission in life and the children shared examples of people who inspired them. The children also shared an inspirational quote from one of our house saints, St John Henry Newman:

*'God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.'*

The children sang and spoke excellently – thank you Mrs Bolger, Mrs Sutter and Y5BC for a lovely assembly.

### **‘Anti-Idling’ workshop**

On Tuesday this week, we were visited by the Richmond Council Sustainable travel team for an assembly and workshop on ‘Anti-idling’. Our Y6 Travel Ambassadors are leading this effort in school and after the workshop said *"Every driver can make a difference by turning off their engines when they are stationary. This will reduce pollution and make our air cleaner. We can do this on the roads around school and at Manor Road level crossing."*

### **Y3 Safer Walking**

We also had the Richmond Borough Safer Walking team in school, teaching children in Y3 about road safety. The children were taught how to use the pelican crossing on Queen’s Road. Emily and Paddy in Y3 said, *"We learnt that when there is a green man showing we must still remember to look, think and listen as we walk. We also learnt that when the green man is flashing we should not start crossing the road."* Please remind your children in other classes to always cross Queen’s Road using the pelican crossing and not cross at other points.

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

### **Chinese New Year**

On Tuesday 1st February, we will be learning about Chinese New Year in school with an assembly led by children and parents. All children have been invited to wear something red on this day to mark Chinese New Year, this could be red socks, a red scarf or jumper or red hair bands.

### **SEND Coffee Morning**

On Tuesday morning, Mrs Said, our School SENCO, will be hosting a coffee morning for parents of children with additional needs. Mrs Said has sent out individual invitations to this event and we hope many of these parents are able to come along to this.

### **Y2 Great Fire of London workshop**

On Thursday, as part of their history topic, our Y2 pupils will be taking part in a 'Great Fire of London' workshop in school. Thank you to those parents who have already replied to the letter that was sent, if we can kindly ask all parents to respond.

### **Term Dates**

Finally, as we look to future dates this term, please find attached the Spring Term dates including educational visits and workshops and Parents' Meetings this term. We are hopeful that all our planned activities will be able to take place but please be aware that some may need to be changed, postponed or cancelled at short notice. A few additional dates will be confirmed and classes will be informed.

## **Values Awards**

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

Well done to Mary in Reception, Ian in Y1, Charlotte in Y2, Ava in Y3, Alex S in Y4, Eloise in Y5BC, Charlie in Y5D, Joshua in Y6A and Isabella in Y6T for receiving a Values Award this week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines