



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **21st January 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week ..

As we shared in our Weekly Update last week, throughout the month of January we are continuing to set whole school New Year's Resolutions, which all have a focus on words.

This week in assemblies we have been exploring the impact of the words we use towards each other, looking at words that harm and words that heal. Children have been set the challenge to only use kind words which value and include others. You can support your child at home in this by encouraging them to say 'please', 'thank you', 'I'm sorry', 'after you' and other kind words.

We are already noticing an improvement in our children's confidence in trying to speak in complete sentences and learning new vocabulary, which were our New Year's Resolutions of last week, so thank you for your support in encouraging your child in this.

Our KS2 children have been delighted this week by the addition of new toys and games for use at playtimes. These toys were suggested by the children themselves and include a wide variety of fun games including giant Jenga blocks, playground dominoes, balance boards and plenty of throwing and catching games. We have also introduced a rota for class football games to provide space on the astro pitch for a greater variety of activities. A huge thank you to the PTA for providing the funds for these new playground resources for all the KS2 children! We are currently looking for new resources for the KS1 playground and look forward to introducing these soon.

On Tuesday this week, children in Y2, Y3 and Y6 took part in a cricket coaching session by Middlesex County Cricket. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to try a new sport and learn new skills. We hope to be able to invite Middlesex County Cricket back to school again soon for other year groups to take part.

Finally this week, well done to our Y2 children who successfully completed their scooter safety training this week by the London Borough.

Looking Ahead ...

'Idling Action'

On Tuesday 25th January, there will be an assembly for all classes and a workshop for Y6 children on 'Idling and Air Pollution'. This will be run by Richmond Council and aims to raise children's awareness and understanding of air pollution caused by idling traffic. The team from Richmond Council will also be running an anti-idling event outside our school (3.10 pm) and at Manor Road level crossing (3.30 pm to 5.30 pm) on Tuesday. They are looking for volunteers from our school community to join them in politely asking drivers who are idling to turn off their engines and pledge to do so in the future. If you are able to volunteer, please email for more information: gja.pendred@merton.gov.uk

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.

Assemblies

Upcoming assemblies to note in advance are for Y5BC next week on Wednesday 26th January and for Y1 on Wednesday 2nd February. Parents of these classes are invited to their child's assembly.

Parents will be asked to wear a mask when they are in the school building and will be asked to wait outside until we have the children seated in the hall. Please would all parents and carers take a lateral flow test before coming into school.

Values Awards

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

Well done to Alfie in Reception, Keira in Y1, Mateo in Y2, Zoe in Y3, Juan in Y4, Gianna in Y5BC, Willow in Y5D, Logan in Y6A and Gabriel in Y6T for receiving a Values Award this week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines