



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

### ***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a productive week in school. The children have shown an excellent attitude towards learning and have also been enjoying the beautiful winter sunshine during playtimes.

In our assemblies this week, we have been continuing with the theme of New Year's Resolutions. We have decided on two whole school resolutions which are to speak in complete sentences and to learn a new word every day. Both of these are valuable life skills which will benefit the children's spoken and written English and will lead to a better understanding across the curriculum. You can support your child at home by reading aloud to your child and talking about new words. Even if your child is a fluent reader they still benefit from being read to. You could also try to hold a ten-minute conversation with your child each day, encouraging them to speak in whole sentences.

#### **Reading Challenge**

Reading is highly valued at St Elizabeth's and our school library which was relocated and refurbished in the summer holiday is a very popular space with children.

Our school librarian, Mrs Briggs, sets a reading challenge each half term to the class who has read the most. All the children are encouraged to complete this reading challenge; KS1 receives a hard copy of the challenge and KS2 completes this via Accelerated Reader. The class with the most completed challenges wins the 'Reading Cup'.

We are delighted to announce that the winner of the Reading Cup for the last half term was Y4. Congratulations to Miss McCrossan and all the children in Y4! Well done to everyone in the whole school who completed the challenge. We would greatly encourage all pupils to complete the challenge for this half term and we look forward to announcing the next winning class!

#### **Million Word Readers**

Many congratulations to Soren and Nicola in Y4 and Eleri in Y5D for becoming a 1 Million Word Reader. Well done!

## Values Awards

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

Well done to Oliver A in Reception, James in Y1, Kate in Y2, Emily in Y3, Thomas in Y4, Harry in Y5BC, Albert in Y5D, Scarlett in Y6A and Jack in Y6T for receiving a Values Award this week.

Next week, on Thursday 20th January, our Y2 pupils will be taking part in scooter safety training which is part of a safety initiative by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. Please be reminded to return the reply slip with permission for your child. Thank you.

We will soon be sending the Spring Term dates for your diary as soon as we confirm bookings for educational visits and educational workshops for classes. The dates will include assemblies and Masses for this term.

Upcoming assemblies to note in advance are for Y5BC on Wednesday 26th January and for Y1 on Wednesday 2nd February. We will write out to the class parents nearer the time for arrangements.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines