Newsletter - Friday 24th February 2017

We hope you all had a very restful half-term. We have a busy few weeks ahead of us with lots of sports events, school trips and Book Week celebrations.

The class Mass planned for Years 4 & 6 will have to be rescheduled, we will let you know the new date in due course.

Fr Graham will be celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass at 2.15pm in the school hall on Wednesday 1st March to begin the season of Lent.

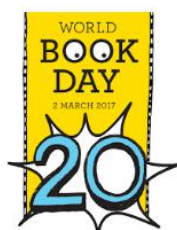You are very welcome to attend this service.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day. Your child has been asked to bring in a small teddy/toy and their favourite bed time story book. The may wear pyjamas and slippers (no onesies please) and must have a pair of shoes for going outside to play. They should come to school wearing their shoes, not their slippers.

Throughout the day the children will participate in a variety of book themed activities. Your child will receive their £1 book token which can be used to buy one of ten £1 books or if you prefer, to get £1 off any fully priced book.

http://www.worldbookday.com/books/

ANCHOR BOOK WINNERS

Congratulations to the following children, who received Headteacher Awards before half-term:

Yr 6: Samuel Kubicek &
        Molly Crean-Power

Yr 5: Sam Howick-Smith &
        Ellie Williams

Yr 4: Angel Dakay &
        Liam Scott

Yr 3: Joseph Burke &
        Rachel Moore

Yr 2: Julia O'Loughlin &
        Freddie Conlan

Yr 1: Lois Labbett &
        Logan Dane

Rec: Enya Thompson &
        Leonardo Barbeiro

We apologise for the error on the newsletter dated 10th Feb which showed the wrong names as Anchor winners

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE GREAT DAFFODIL APPEAL

Marie Curie Cancer Care helps nurses care for people with terminal illness in their own home. Their annual Great Daffodil Appeal has been launched and people are being asked to donate and wear a daffodil this March. Year 6 children will be visiting each class from next week. There is also a collection box in the school office. The suggested donation is £1. Thank you.

MISSION TOGETHER ASSEMBLY

Mary Tomnie from Mission Together presented an assembly on Thursday to the whole school. Her Lenten Liturgy told us the true story of Eunice, a 12 year old girl from a small settlement in Kenya, whose access to education and a regular diet were hindered due to the adverse effects of poverty. Now thanks to the work of the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi, sponsored by Mission Together, Eunice and many children like her are growing up healthy, happy, and with hope of a better tomorrow.

All pupils should now have received their Lenten red collection box. Your support is greatly appreciated and we would like the filled boxes returned during the last week of term Thank you.

CASHLESS SCHOOL

We trust you received a letter on Parentmail sent on Thursday this week confirming our plans to become a 'cashless school'. From September 2017 we will no longer accept cash or cheque for payments of school dinners, school trips or any other payments.

The Friends of St Clement's will continue to request payments for donations, Mufti-Day etc in cash.

INTERNET SAFETY

All classes have had reminders and discussions this week about how to stay safe on the internet. We were hoping to have had copies of a magazine produced by Vodafone to support families in understanding how to promote internet safety at home—unfortunately these are currently out of print due to high demand.

Next week's newsletter will have some information about websites that families can refer to for advice and support.

YEAR 3 & YEAR 5 CLASS MASS

Fr Graham celebrated Mass in the school hall on Tuesday with Year 3 & Year 5 together with their family members. We celebrated our talents and Fr Graham reminded us that each one of us has the power to use what God has given us, for our own good, and for the good of others.

We would like to share with you our Communion Reflection:-

For the talent of sport, swimming, running, jumping and games, we thank you, Lord.

For talent of music, singing, playing and dancing, we thank you, Lord.

For the talent of art, painting and drawing, we thank you, Lord.

For the talent of cooking, making and sharing, we thank you, Lord.

For the talent of being good at maths and science, we thank you, Lord.

For the talent of being able to see where and when we can help, we thank you, Lord.

For the talent of gentleness, patience and kindness, we thank you, Lord.

For the talents of generosity and of being always ready to help out, we thank you, Lord.

TREE PLANTING AT LANGLEY WOODS

Our School Council pupils accompanied Mrs Buckley and Mrs Davies to the Woodland Trust Centenary Woods today to plant tree saplings to create a living tribute to all those who served in the First World War. The children worked together in pairs to plant 30 tree saplings. The children worked very hard and were a credit to the school. The Woodland Trust have a public tree planting day tomorrow, Saturday 25th February from 10am to 3pm. Parking is available at Epsom Downs Racecourse, free shuttle buses will provide transport from the racecourse to Langley Vale village where staff will guide you to the planting site—a ten minute walk. There is no parking on site. If you have any spare time to help with the planting, the Woodland Trust would appreciate your help!

STEM—SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS

A huge thank you to Pascal van Loon, one of our parents and school governors who has spent today along with two colleagues demonstrating some very exciting experiments with Liquid Nitrogen. The children were very interested and engaged in the range of fascinating demonstrations. Please ask your children about something they have enjoyed and learnt today: for example did you know a banana can be used to hammer a nail made out of Blu-tac?!

Reception children were being STEM ambassadors and tried their own experiments in class!