



# ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th January 2018

## SKIPPING WORKSHOP

We had a fabulous day of skipping with David from **SKIP2BFIT** last Friday. Each class had a workshop which started with David demonstrating both how to skip and his own amazingly speedy skipping skills.

With a two minute track of loud, motivating music, everyone had the chance to skip and check how well they did at the end with the help of the counter on the rope handle. We were very impressed with the scores and the willingness of all children to share their scores with everyone.

After a rest and resetting the counters, we were then challenged to improve our scores with another two minutes of skipping. The energy and determination to improve their Personal Best (PB) was incredible to see.

The day ended with an assembly and presentation of certificates to top skippers in each class followed by a 'skip off' between the highest scoring child and member of staff... Eliza in Year 6 very comfortably beat an exhausted headteacher to great applause!

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# SKIPPING CONTINUED...

We had planned for the day and any resources to be paid for from a ring-fenced funding pot (PE and Sports Premium) with the aim of engaging children in regular physical activity – a two minute skip is equivalent to a ten minute run.

We plan to keep the skipping going throughout playtimes. Simple ropes without counters have always been available but have not been very popular in recent months. As the day was such a great success we have purchased our own set of 50 ropes which will be supplemented by one free rope for every ten bought from the office. Regular opportunities will be built in for children to have a two minute skip to record and track their PBs.



**THE OFFICE ONLY HAS A FEW ROPES LEFT TO PURCHASE! £5 EACH, CASH ONLY.**

# THANK YOU

All the staff at St Clement's would like to thank parents for their very kind and generous Christmas Wishes and gifts at the end of last term.

# EPIPHANY

This week we have been thinking about the feast of the Epiphany and the journey that The Three Wise Men made to find the baby Jesus – the new Messiah. We thought about the difficult journey they undertook and prayed for people all around the world who have to make difficult and sometimes treacherous journeys in their everyday lives.

Each of our classrooms has an Epiphany blessing on their door. In some European countries, after a church service, children dress as the wise men and gather offerings for children in need around the world. At each house they write a code 20+C+M+B+18.

The cross symbols remind us of Jesus' cross and the letters are the first letters of the wise men Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar but more importantly they stand for the Latin *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (*May Christ bless this house*).

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Christus Mansionem Benedicat

*May Christ bless this house*

# THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The Book Fair will be arriving at our School Library on **29th January and will be with us all week**. With over 200 titles to choose from, and with prices starting at £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

Every book that you buy counts towards **FREE BOOKS for our school library** so do come along **after school** and take a look.



# ANCHOR BOOK WINNERS

**Congratulations to the following children who received Headteacher Awards at our recent Anchor Assembly;**

<b>Year 6</b>	Oliver Monteiro and Philip David
<b>Year 5</b>	Johann Guiret and Isabella Newton
<b>Year 4</b>	Joseph O'Doherty and Luci Aguiar
<b>Year 3</b>	Joshua Piechocki and Aidan Dunn
<b>Year 2</b>	Jasiu Buczek and Julia Kielar
<b>Year 1</b>	Isabella Grzenda-Rodriguez and Caitlin Webb
<b>Reception</b>	Imoh Isemin and Oscar Lameiras-Colley

# IMPORTANT DATES

Please note the following dates for the Spring Term 2018.

**Guitar Assembly is now on Monday 5th February.**

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 18 January	SATs information meeting for Years 2 & 6 parents (6.45pm)
Friday 2 February	Reception Assembly
Monday 5 February	Guitar Assembly
Tuesday 6 February	Internet Safety Day
<b>Tuesday 6 February</b>	<b>Parents' Evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 7 February</b>	<b>Parents' Evening</b>
<b>Friday 9 February</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term (normal finish time)</b>
Monday 19 February	INSET Day (Staff Training)
Tuesday 20 February	Pupils return to school
Friday 2 March	World Book Day
Friday 2 March	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 9 March	Year 6 Young Citizens Event
Monday 26 March	Easter Service (2.30pm)
Tuesday 27 March	Four Nations Rugby Tournament
<b>Thursday 29 March</b>	<b>Break up for Easter (1.30pm)</b>



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## RECEPTION ADMISSION DEADLINE

A reminder that applications for children starting Reception in September 2018 are due by  
**Monday 15th January 2018.**

Please apply to Surrey County Council online using the School Admissions System and remember that a Supplementary Form also needs to be returned to Mrs Gordon in the School Office. This form and further information can be found in the Admissions section on the school website.

**Friends of St Clement's**



# SCHOOL DISCO!

**FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2018**

**KS1: 5.30pm - 6.30pm      KS2: 6.45pm - 8pm**

**Entry £2.50**

Includes glow item for KS1, drinks for both KS1 and KS2 and a pack of sweets to take home.

Tuck shop for KS2 only, most items 20p

**The Crimean War and  
Florence Nightingale  
Saturday 13 January 1pm to 2.30pm**

Discover Florence Nightingale's life story; hear about her famous lamp at Scutari Hospital and her later campaigns for nursing and health reform in England.

Discover the difficult conditions that the nurses found themselves working in. Be surprised by some of their nursing methods and decide if you would have liked to take her medicine.

Learn about the battles and harsh weather conditions which caused so many soldiers to be wounded or to fall ill, killing more than the fighting, and learn how the care of Florence and her team changed nursing in Britain.



Cost £5 per child. Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UE.

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