



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th February 2018

RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

On Friday 2nd February, Reception presented their assembly about Candlemas. They reminded us that it is forty days after Christmas and a time to give thanks for light, hope and the knowledge that Spring is on its way! We listened to the story of Simeon keeping faith that one day God would send him a sign. When Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple, Simeon knew that God had kept His promise and that Jesus is the Light of the World.



The children sang *Share the Light* (Bernadette Farrell), ably supported by Year 1 and Year 2, and some of the children acted out two contrasting scenes; demonstrating that it is important to keep to our word. When we say we are going to do something, we must actually do it!

It was remarked by many members of the school community how much the Reception children have grown in confidence after one and a half terms!

GUITAR ASSEMBLY

The whole school was treated to a very entertaining assembly this week. All the children learning to play guitar with Oli, their teacher, had an opportunity to perform and show the progress they have made.

Well done to you all for embracing the opportunity to share your talents!



REMEMBER: INSET DAY MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY.

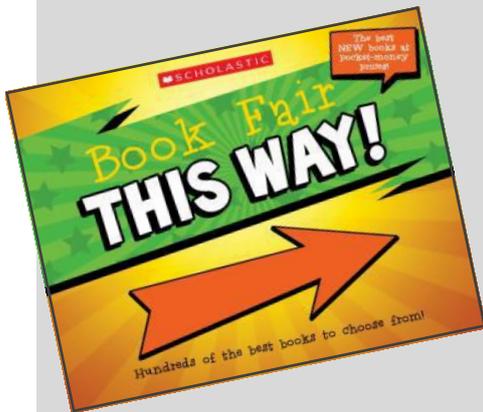
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY AFTER HALF TERM.

KUNGHEI FATCHOY!

Reception learned this means “Happy New Year” in Cantonese. Today Mrs Gould came to visit Reception class to tell them all about Chinese New Year which falls on Friday 16th February.

Reception children acted out a story (in Chinese mythology), of a great race that decided which animals made it into the Zodiac and in what order. This year is the Year of the Dog. We also learned why the colours red and gold are very important and about the lion dance.

Mrs Gould gave each child in Reception class an orange as this is a symbol of good luck.



BOOK FAIR SUCCESS!

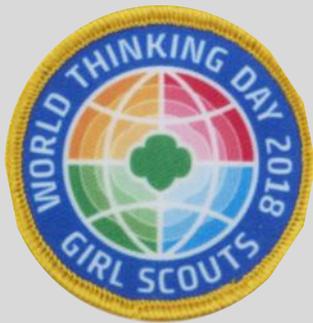
A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the Book Fair last week. We raised over £800 which means the school has earned just under £500 in commission to spend on books for the school.



ANCHOR BOOK WINNERS

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

Year 6	John Dakay and Gary Butcher
Year 5	Rachel Kobia-Amanfi and Eva Labbett
Year 4	Joe Neary and Rachel Moore
Year 3	Sebastian Purcell and Asher Pace
Year 2	Nathan Russell and Lily Bloomfield
Year 1	Ellis Forrestal-Williams and Ellie Andrews
Reception	Elizabeth Stanley and William Laister



WORLD THINKING DAY

World Thinking Day is on 22nd February, when all members of the Girl Guiding movement remember each other and reaffirm their commitment to international friendship and understanding.

If your daughter is a member of **Rainbows, Brownies or Guides** they may wear their uniform to school on Thursday 22nd February.

PARENTS' EVENING

We hope you valued the opportunity to look at your child's work in their classroom earlier this week and found our parents' evening informative and useful. We thank you for your continued support.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Hopefully you have had the opportunity to ask your child what they know about staying safe when using the internet.

Additional resources and information to support parents was sent home via ParentMail earlier this week. Please take the opportunity to read it and discuss this subject with your child.



MISSION TOGETHER FUNDRAISING



Over the last few years we have been involved in fundraising during Lent for Mission Together, the Pope's official children's charity for overseas mission. Ash Wednesday falls during half term this year so resources will be distributed when we return to school. Our Year 6 Ambassadors have spoken with every class and given a brief introduction to this year's theme – this will be more fully explored when Mrs Tomnie, an ex St Clement's teacher, launches this year's mission for St Clement's on Wednesday 21st February.

SCHOOL NOTICES

SCHOOL DINNERS

The cost of school dinners for next **half term** will be **£60.20** payable via ParentMail. Any changes in the new term from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa requires a week's notice to the School Office.

CARE QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to those of you who have filled in our **Wraparound Care Questionnaire**. If you would like to complete one of these but have not yet done so, there are still copies in the School Office. Please hand in any completed questionnaires to the School Office by Friday 23rd February.