



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th July 2018

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

This is the final School Newsletter for this academic year! We have had a very busy end of term with many awards handed out, celebrations and of course lots of goodbyes. To those leaving St Clement's this year, we wish you all every success and happiness in your new ventures. We look forward to welcoming back lots of familiar faces, as well as some new ones, in September but until then, we wish everyone a very happy and safe summer break!

SCHOOL STARTS AT THE USUAL TIME ON TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2018 FOR YEARS 1-6

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

This morning our Year 6 children led the Assembly in which they shared their thoughts and memories of their time at St. Clement's. We thoroughly enjoyed the presentation of some of the amusing events, challenges and achievements they have experienced throughout the past seven years and joined in their prayers for their family and friends as they move on to high school.

We wish them all the very best at their new schools and will enjoy hearing about their future experiences as they settle into the next stage of their education.



END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

THANK YOU

At our end of year assembly we said some special thank-yous to the wonderful group of ladies who change the children's reading books on a regular basis. This work is much appreciated as it allows our Teaching Assistants to have more time in the classrooms supporting learning.



THE SLEMISH CUP

The Slemish Cup was donated by Miss Close; she was born near Slemish Mountain on which St Patrick spent time contemplating how to bring Christianity to the Irish people; while on the mountain he faced a number of challenges. Miss Close's intention was to recognise courage, perseverance and quiet determination.

This year it has been awarded to Kia.



THE WRITER'S AWARD

This award was donated by Mrs Chappell and awarded for the first time last year. She wanted an opportunity to recognise one pupil for their achievements in writing across the curriculum - for their efforts in achieving their writing potential through responding to teacher feedback and reading widely to enhance their writing further.

This year's recipient is Aoife.



THE DAVIES CUP

The Davies Cup was presented to Mrs Davies for outstanding contribution, sportsmanship and achievement to the sporting life of St Clement's.

This year The Davies Cup has been awarded to Ruby.

Many congratulations to all three recipients of the awards, they are well deserved!

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION 'ROCK BOTTOM' REALLY ROCKS!

The following report is written by Jakub Kopec and Jennifer O'Brien; two of our Year 6 pupils.

On Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th July, Year 6 performed a staggering production which blew everyone away with laughter and anticipation. Who knew Year 6 was capable of pulling off such an amazing show in a surprisingly small frame of time?! (3 weeks - with many interruptions). The children clearly worked very hard, but who could be surprised with such marvellous teachers that were always on hand to help (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Flaherty and Mrs McCloskey). The pupils of St Clement's also thoroughly enjoyed this fabulous spectacle; Year 6 even got a standing ovation from both adults and children as the class proudly demonstrated its dancing, singing and acting skills. Bravo! Magnificent! Exceptional! Three words which sum up Year 6's performance!

Such an amazing feat doesn't just come together without some outside help; so we have a few special thank-yous to distribute. Mrs Kelly, Mrs Flaherty, Mrs McCloskey, Mr Buckland, Mrs Regan, Mrs Baker, Mrs Hayman, Miss Sears and the families of Mrs Kelly and Mrs Flaherty for creating the wonderful backdrop and costumes.



LEAVERS' MASS

On Wednesday evening Fr Graham celebrated Mass for the Year 6 children leaving St Clement's about to embark on the next step of their journey. The children offered up their thanks for all the special years they have spent here at St Clement's; sharing beautifully their thoughts and feelings with the people closest to them.

As the children move on, they prayed that they would not forget the friends they have made and prayed also that they will continue to spread God's message of love throughout their lives. Year 6 offered the mass for their friends, asking that they all be kept safe and stay happy, safe in the knowledge that the Lord will be with them every step of the way.

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me
I will bring you home
I love you more and you are mine*

(David Haas)

TOP ATTENDERS PICNIC

We had thirty-nine children joining us at Gibraltar Recreation Ground for a picnic and play, a small reward to congratulate them for their fabulous attendance and punctuality record.



BOOK PRIZES

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded Book Prizes for the Summer Term;

Reception	Max
Year 1	Eddie
Year 2	Laila
Year 3	Benjamin
Year 4	Henry
Year 5	Eva
Year 6	Amelia



ANCHOR BOOK WINNERS

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

Year 6	The whole of Year 6!
Year 5	Julia Buczek and Liam Scott
Year 4	Alicja Moron and Bradleigh Ramirez
Year 3	Leo Nelson and Grady Goodin
Year 2	Sophie Collis and Aidan Betts
Year 1	Isabella Grzenda-Rodriguez and Max Spiteri Honigsfeld
Reception	Jude Dixon and Ebony Yates

YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY 'SORRY'

Year 1 shared a very important message in our assembly about being sorry. We talked about how saying sorry can be just a word. In our assembly we explained being *really* sorry meant you had to mean it and would try not to do it again. We shared our stories of saying sorry and being forgiven. We painted pictures of us with happy smiling faces to show how we felt when we say sorry to others. We sang, 'Come and Join the Circle' to show we are all part of God's family. We were proud of ourselves for being so confident and for using clear voices.



GUITAR ASSEMBLY

Our talented guitarists treated us to some fabulous music this week during assembly which included popular theme tunes and songs as well as some exam pieces.

All of the children learning guitar had the opportunity to perform in front of their families and the whole school. Learning the guitar takes a lot of hard work and dedication and this was confidently demonstrated by all the children. Many thanks to Oliver Du Toit, our guitar teacher, for his skills and patience in preparing our guitarists to have the confidence to play in front of such an appreciative audience.



**There are currently a few spaces if your child would like to start guitar or drum lessons.
Please contact www.rockandpopfoundation.com for further details.**

SUMMER CHALLENGE

We have set some challenges over the last few summer holidays in an attempt to keep some momentum going with reading and writing in particular.

Summer 2016's challenge was to send a postcard from wherever you went far flung, local, a day out or an extended break. We had a fabulous display of 'Wish you were here!' messages from all around the world; if you would like to send a postcard this year too we would be delighted to receive them in the post!

2017's challenge was to read as many different types of text in as many unusual places as you could – we had hundreds of photos of 'extreme reading' including Mrs James in her wedding dress!

This summer's challenge has been sent out with each child and a copy is also attached with this ParentMail. Good luck and have fun everyone!

NSPCC ASSEMBLY

NSPCC Assembly & Workshops

On Friday last week the NSPCC visited school and delivered their *Speak out. Stay safe.* assembly to the children from Reception to Year 6 about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work the NSPCC do across the country, and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join in their 'fight for every childhood'.

Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from abuse. The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC or to take a look at the wide range of information, resources and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>



The banner features a green cartoon character on the left pointing towards the text. The text reads: "NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. programme". On the right, it says "Proudly supported by" above the LIDL logo. Below the LIDL logo is the NSPCC logo and the tagline "WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP KIDS SAFE".

NEW PE KITS!

Our new PE kits have arrived and are ready for September – don't they look fabulous?!

The kit will be issued during the first week back and payment will be asked for via ParentMail – details to follow in September when houses have been allocated for each child.

Please remember parents will still need to organise a PE bag, plimsolls/trainers and plain tracksuit bottoms.



LUNCH COSTS

From September the cost of School lunches will increase to **£2.30**.

The price of school lunches for the first half term is **£78.20** payable by ParentMail.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING PUPILS BACK ON
TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



THANK YOU!

On Saturday 7th July the Friends of St Clement's hosted the school's annual Summer Fayre. The day had a kicking start from Absolute Marshall Arts, a back-flipping performance from Startastic Gymnastics Club and our very own Year 1 & 2 and School Choir delighting us all with their superb singing and dancing talents!

The BBQ team cooked up a feast with chicken noodles, sausages and burgers and the bar ensured that we were hydrated with Pimms and kept the prosecco flowing. We had tennis being played in the front playground hosted by Ebisham Sports Club and with strawberries and cream being served and the sunshine shining it certainly felt that SW19 had come to Ewell!

There were stalls galore hosted by our very own class reps and parents. Also Mrs Buckley and teachers busily working on the Bottle Tombola stall.

We would like to thank the Friends of St Clement's and parents for their hard work organising the event and running stalls on the day. The efforts made are to raise money towards improvements to our playground and remodel the disused swimming pool into a safe play area for the children.

Thank you to all that came to the fayre and brought their friends, family and neighbours. All were welcomed and it was great to see so many new and old faces!

***THIS YEAR'S SUMMER FAYRE
HAS RAISED
£6,300!***

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to make this happen. Without this support we wouldn't be able to run these fund-raising events.

Look out for more events coming your way from the Friends of St Clement's!

The Summer Fayre 2018 team

Faye Giannotti, Kate Barron & Jenna Andrews