



# ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th July 2019

## 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 WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 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.



# A FAREWELL MESSAGE

## FROM MRS BUCKLEY...

I have been a teacher at St Clement's for ten years and I have always been very proud to be part of such a fabulous school. The staff and children I have worked with over the years have made each day and every new challenge worth putting my heart and soul into. I have enjoyed all the opportunities to support individual children and families in working to achieve the high standards of behaviour and learning that we are known for and I have been privileged to do so with such amazing staff and colleagues.

Thank-you all for the wonderful surprise tea party on Wednesday which I was delighted to share with my friend and colleague Mrs Hargrave! I was somewhat overwhelmed but very touched with the gifts and kind words. As yet, I have not been able to open all the cards and presents that have been so kindly given to me but I thank you for all your generous words and wishes.

I cannot express how much I will miss the children and staff, how hard I know it will be to not drive here in September and see our fabulous children ready and eager for a new school year. I wish you all the very best for a happy and successful future.

Mrs Hargrave and I have left a present for the school. You will remember earlier this year that the children voted to call the gazebo area of astro, 'St Clement's Corner' – the sign we laminated was a little small so we have had a metal sign made which is now hanging proudly on the side of the gazebo. The staff are well aware of my obsession with the anchor being our school symbol so of course it had to be incorporated into our gift! We wish you all many happy hours of play and laughter in the years to come in this fabulous space.



## FROM MRS HARGRAVE...



I have been at St Clement's for five years, as Deputy Headteacher and as Reception class teacher. My goodness time flies when you are enjoying yourself – and this applies to both of my roles!

As Reception teacher I have had the privilege of getting to know the children from their very first day in 'Big School' and sharing all their excitement. For over twenty years I have always said that being a Reception teacher has to be the best job in the world; to be a part of your children learning to read and write is the ultimate reward.

As Deputy Headteacher of St Clement's, I have been blessed and feel extremely proud to have been chosen to become a member of such a special family of children, staff and parents. My role has been an absolute pleasure from Day One. These words come from my heart and every year there has been more and more to feel proud of.

It is with great sadness that I leave St Clement's today but I know that I am taking with me all the kind words and sentiments that I have received; being thankful that I have met so many special people, have made lifelong friends and I will always be part of St Clement's.

God bless and a huge thank you for the past five years.

# YEAR 6 PRODUCTION 'WHO'S YOUR MUMMY?'

The following report is written by Isabella N and Jacob; two of our Year 6 pupils.



On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 truly blessed the whole school and all their parents with their own flavour of the West End. It was an immense success and, with only two weeks to pull it off, they didn't just surprise their teachers but themselves too. The show had an enticing story plot and was jam-packed with witty jokes and there were characters to suit each child's personality. The play was highly interactive and entertaining for all ages, and this was clearly displayed by the look of joy on the spectators' glowing faces. With the unique script and all of the singing and dancing, the play has definitely left its mark on St. Clement's and hopefully it will be remembered for years to come.

Productions like this don't come together overnight, so for that we have three people to thank, Mrs Flaherty, Mrs Kelly and Mrs McCloskey. We also would like to thank Mrs Baker for hand stitching every flamboyant costume! We would also like to thank Mrs Ward for the magnificent scenery, Mrs Redmond, Mrs Cook, Mrs Barreiro Tuke, Mrs Bradshaw, Mrs Purcell and Mrs van Loon for the cast's make-up and hair styling.



# 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 Charlotte.**



### THE WRITER'S AWARD

This award was donated by Mrs Chappell as 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 Isabella.**



### 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. Each year this is now awarded to a pupil who displays the same level of commitment to sport at the school.

**This year The Davies Cup has been awarded to Angel.**

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

# LEAVERS' MASS

On the evening of Tuesday 16th July, Fr Graham celebrated Mass for the Year 6 children leaving St Clement's as they 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.

Years 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.

At the end of the Mass the children shared the traditional 'Year 6 Legacy' with the congregation. All present at the Mass were the first to hear our new school song written by St Clement's leavers 2019. It is called 'St Clement's Jubilation' and will become a familiar song for all the pupils for many years to come.

**We are St Clement's school and this is our song –  
Come along and sing with us!  
It's the best school in the whole wide world,  
Sing along to praise Jesus!**

**Oh! Raise a joyful shout!  
Come and join our school, let your feelings out.  
Oh! Hear what it's about-  
We are proud to be at St Clement's!**

**At St Clement's school we always find a way  
To be friends with everyone.  
Every day we learn and grow in love.  
Join the laughter and the fun!**

**Oh! Raise a joyful shout!  
Come and join our school, let your feelings out.  
Oh! Hear what it's about-  
We are proud to be at St Clement's!**

**La la la la....**

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# TOP ATTENDERS PICNIC

Despite the rain the Top Attenders Picnic still went ahead in true St Clement's style! Although it had to take place in the hall and St Clement's Corner the children really enjoyed their special picnic and play time as a reward for their fabulous attendance and punctuality record this year.



# BOOK PRIZES

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

Reception	Noah
Year 1	Olivia
Year 2	Isabella
Year 3	Tyla
Year 4	Star
Year 5	Rachel
Year 6	Kai



# ICE CREAM WINNERS!



Reception was the lucky class to have sold the most raffle tickets for this year's Summer Fair. On Monday they received their prize of ice-cream in a tub which was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Friends of St Clement's for arranging this; what a lovely end to a lovely, sunny Monday afternoon!

# PARISHIONERS COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 28th June our Year 6 children hosted a coffee morning for a number of guests. Following some discussions with Fr Graham last year, we invited some ex-parents that had been actively involved in supporting St Clement's at key stages of its development, but who may not have had the opportunity to visit the school in recent years.

Our Year 6 children had helped to plan and prepare for the day as well as meeting and greeting and taking our guests on a tour of the school so that they could see for themselves how much the school has changed over the years. Years 1,2, 4 and 5 treated the guests to some fabulous entertainment in the hall and some Year 6 musicians played their instruments during coffee time.

To acknowledge the commitment of past parents, Fr Graham presented the school with a beautiful anchor made from driftwood which he blessed during the morning; this is now on display over the internal hall doors.

As usual, our children showed how proud they are of being part of St Clement's and received some lovely compliments during the morning as well a few thank-you cards in the post.



# CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELP



More volunteers are needed at St Clement's Church on Sundays at 10.30am to help with the Children's Liturgy. It is a very rewarding job, supports your local parish and only takes about twenty minutes per week! We have a rota so that each volunteer is only needed on an occasional basis.

Presenting the Children's Liturgy involves giving a short talk to the children attending Mass about the Gospel in a child friendly format to support them with their understanding of the bible.

If you are interested please talk to one of the team after 10.30am Mass or contact Becky Cook via email on [becky.cook@virgin.net](mailto:becky.cook@virgin.net)

# YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY: SORRY

Year 1 shared their assembly message of the importance of saying sorry, and really meaning it. They confidently and clearly shared times they had to say sorry at home and at school whilst some of the children acted out the story of Levi, the Tax Collector, who said sorry for being dishonest. Finally, with pride and enjoyment, they sang and signed 'Come and Join the Circle'. We are all very proud of them!



# PIANO ASSEMBLY

Our annual Piano Assembly showcased the talents of our pupils who are having piano lessons at school with Ben and Sandie Tompsett. They played in front of their families, as well as the whole school, who were a brilliant audience and thoroughly enjoyed the music being played. Very well done to our fabulous pianists!



# SPORTS NEWS

## DISTRICT SPORTS

On Thursday 4th July and Friday 5th July, we took forty-eight children from Key Stage 2 to take part in the District Sports competition. The field events took place on Thursday at Stamford Green. All the children performed brilliantly under the scorching heat of the sun and we managed to bring back a cluster of medals. On Friday it was the turn of the track events at a new location at the Elmbridge Excel Centre. After battling with the Hampton Court Flower Show traffic, all participants were raring to go. Again, everyone ran their socks off in the sweltering heat and showed grit and determination in their races. There were some outstanding results and again another cluster of medals.

We were extremely proud of St Clement's for their encouragement of each other and their fantastic performances. Well done everyone. Thank you to all the parents for their wonderful support and also to Mrs Kingswell and Mrs Regan for their hard work and support.





## ANOTHER AWARD...

For the second year in a row we have been awarded the trophy for 'Most Supportive School' from Team Epsom and Ewell Surrey Youth Games!

A huge thank-you again to our Year 6 Surrey Youth Games Ambassadors who generated interest in the event, all the children who put themselves forward for team selection, those that were chosen to represent Epsom and Ewell and Mrs Kingswell and one of our pupils who attended the presentation evening on Tuesday and received the trophy on our behalf.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



On Monday we had a special visit from a librarian from Ewell library. Her name was Mrs Street and she came to tell St Clement's about this year's Summer Reading Challenge, **Space Chase**.

Libraries across the country have chosen this reading challenge because it is the fiftieth anniversary of the first man to land on the moon.

Our goal this summer is to help the Rocket family to identify the alien crooks, who are stealing all of the books at their local library. The first quest is to look around the library for pictures of the Rocket family or some of the sneaky aliens. You have to read at least six books over the Summer holidays then once you have finished the first two, come back to the library and summarise them. Each time you summarise the books you get a scented sticker and the when you get all the stickers you are awarded a certificate with your name on it. For more information go to [spacechase.org.uk](http://spacechase.org.uk) or visit your local library.

*By Kai, Poppy, Bella and Gabrielle*

## LUNCH COSTS

From September the cost of School lunches will remain at **£2.30** per day.

The price of school lunches for the first half term is **£87.40** payable by ParentMail.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING PUPILS BACK ON  
WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



# THANK YOU!

The Friends of St Clement's would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Summer Fayre on Saturday 6th of July.

***THIS YEAR'S SUMMMER FAYRE  
HAS RAISED A STAGGERING  
£5,700 FOR THE SCHOOL!***

These events are very important for your school and the Friends are extremely grateful for all the help and support that we receive from all the parents.

Thank you again,

**The Friends of St Clement's**