



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th October 2019

RECEPTION HARVEST ASSEMBLY

This morning Reception led our school assembly to celebrate Harvest. They reminded us that we need to be thankful to God for all the produce we often take for granted; we rarely think about how it comes to our table or about the work of farmers across the world who bring it to our table. Reception thanked the farmers for all of their hard work and sang a lovely song to remind us about how good vegetables are to eat.

Thank you to Reception parents for contributing to the beautiful Harvest Hampers which will go to the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank.



HALF TERM

School breaks up today for Half Term and opens again at the usual time on **Monday 4th November**.

We wish everyone a happy and restful week.

YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY

Last Friday, we enjoyed an excellent assembly given by Year 1 in which they spoke about belonging. The assembly began with the children sharing all the different groups they belong to and how proud they feel as part of that group. The children acted out a lovely story called *Clarence the Crocodile*, which demonstrated the importance of belonging. After talking about belonging to Jesus' family, they re-enacted a baptism. The children reminded us that as members of Jesus' family we have a responsibility to follow his example. They then said prayers of thanksgiving for all the special groups we belong to. The assembly concluded with a lovely rendition of "Everyone Belongs," which the children sang beautifully.

Well done Year 1!



THE POPPY APPEAL



After Half Term we will be collecting for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. In addition to poppies we have been given a limited amount of merchandise which includes rulers, rubbers, pencils and coat reflectors. Suggested donations for these range between 50p and £1 depending on the item.

The collection box will be kept in the School Office and additionally Year 6 will be visiting every class daily so that pupils can make donations themselves.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION ENTRIES

We have had some terrific entries designed for the Chris Grayling Christmas Card Competition this year. A huge number of pupils have taken part; pictured here are just a few of them. We will keep you posted with further information once the winner is announced.



SAVE OUR PLANET LUNCH

On Thursday 17th October we celebrated Planet Day with a KidsTastic Fajita Bar. The children were given a delicious planet friendly meal which consisted of fajitas, bao buns, fruit kebabs and a salad bar. During the lunch the children were given a fun sheet to complete which gave them tips on how they can help our planet to be healthy. The children were also given the opportunity to design their favourite vegetable character for a competition run by the catering team. We will let you know in the next newsletter who was selected from our school to be entered into the overall final.



CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday, last week, we took a group of Years 5 and 6 children to the Epsom and Ewell District Cross Country Competition at Sutton Grammar playing fields. Thankfully the weather was lovely and the children, as usual, were fantastic. They showed super sportsmanship and encouragement towards each other.

Every single child put in a brilliant performance, even those who didn't think they had it in them! All of the children completed the course with some outstanding achievements! Every child succeeded with the personal challenges they had set themselves. We definitely have some Olympic long distance runners in the making! A special congratulations to Laura Reynolds for finishing in first place in the girl's race. A true performance of skill and stamina. Amazing!

A huge thank you to Mrs Kingswell and parents for supporting the children at this event.



CELEBRATION BISCUITS

To celebrate the start of the Half Term holidays Miss Toni, our Catering Manager, made a delicious iced biscuit for every pupil. Thank you Miss Toni!

YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

This week, Year 6 has completed their Level 2 Bikeability training. Each day the children have cycled on the roads around the school learning how to be safe and hazard aware in preparation for their future independence and transition to high school next year.

As always the comments from their Surrey County Council trainers have been full of praise for their good behaviour, excellent manners and work ethic.

Well done on your achievements Year 6 and for representing your school so successfully.



BOOK FAIR SUCCESS



Last week, to promote a love of reading, we had The Book Fair in school. After school, pupils, parents and family members had the chance to view and purchase a variety of books. We are happy to announce, that due to all the books purchased, we raised over £700, which means **the school has over £300 to spend on books and resources.** Thank you to everyone who attended the book fair and supported the school.

ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

Anchor Awards are presented fortnightly in a special assembly. Two pupils in each class are awarded for something that stands out to their teacher such as great listening, improved presentation, fabulous writing, great effort or kind behaviour. Each pupil is presented with a certificate and an Anchor Badge to be worn for the fortnight. Congratulations to the following children who received awards at our recent Anchor Assembly;

Year 6	Eoin & Emily
Year 5	Grady & Roman
Year 4	Lily & Nathan
Year 3	Raphael & Isabella
Year 2	Tom & Emma
Year 1	Bailey & Malachi
Reception	Cerys & Oscar

Anchor Assembly takes place every two weeks on a Thursday morning. Please return Anchor badges to your child's class teacher on the morning of the next Anchor Assembly.

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you for your continued support by attending our recent Parents' Evenings. Good communication between school and home is so important for the pupils' development and helps to build the strong community we have here at St Clement's.

BOURNE HALL ARTISTS



Several children were fortunate to have their artwork selected for an exhibition at Bourne Hall as part of Epsom and Ewell Arts Festival which was a celebration of artistic talent across the local area. Their work was framed and displayed for two weeks and will now be displayed in school.

ATTENDANCE AWARD



The reward of an extra long play time on Friday goes to...

Year 2 AND Year 4

Both classes had an attendance of 99.5% during the last two weeks.
Well done!

PARENTS COFFEE MORNING



Thank you to all those parents who attended our coffee morning on Wednesday 23rd October. It was a pleasure to see you and to share stories about each other's children.

Why come in for a coffee morning?

- meet other parents
- chat to your friends
- have a cup of tea or coffee
- feel involved and up to date

We will be having our next coffee morning on **Wednesday 20th November**. You can drop in at any time between 8.45am and 09.30am to have a friendly chat about the school and to get to know some of the staff. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers, Aunties and Uncles are all welcome.

SCHOOL NOTICES

WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that all pupils need to be wearing Winter uniform after half term. Please see the uniform section on the school website for further details of our school uniform requirements. School ties are available from the School Office at a cost of £3 payable online via ParentMail.

THE FRIENDS

OF ST CLEMENTS

The Friends of St Clement's



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THIS ISSUE

Christmas Fayre

Christmas Cards

Pre-Loved uniform sale

Helping Hand

WHATS GOING ON

Fri 8th Nov - Mufti day

Fri 15th Nov - Quiz night

Thurs 21st Nov - Friends meeting

Thurs 5th Dec - Friends meeting

Fri 6th December - Mufti day

Sat 7th Dec - CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Fri 13th Dec - Christmas gift room

Fri 13th Dec - Cinema night

AUTUMN EDITION

The six weeks summer holidays certainly feel a lifetime away now with the drop in temperature and dark nights drawing in, this only means that autumnal events are soon approaching us.

The Friends of St Clements are busily preparing wonderful events for the children and families, so please keep a watch out for the latest information!

Our Christmas Fayre team lead by Grant Long (year 1 dad) are busily preparing our annual Christmas Fayre. This is one of the most anticipated events of the year which all children and their families enjoy. If you would like to get involved, please speak with your class rep. We are in need of raffle prize donations and if you work for a company or know of someone who would like to advertise in our fayre brochure please email thefriendsofstclements@gmail.com.

Jess Venerio and her team of helping hands held a wonderfully well organised Christmas Card event for the children at school on Friday 18th October. The children had great fun choosing and making their design.

Please look out for the designs which will be sent home on the return from half term which Parents may purchase as Christmas Cards and other products that are available. All profits go back to The Friends.

Thank you Jess, Kate B, Nicola DB, Louise C, Vicky OH, Joanna & Trish H.

The Friends held a winter Pre-Loved uniform sale on Friday 18th October.

Thank you for all of the donations, we had bundles of bags filled with goodies to sell! A profitable £65 for The Friends. Thank you to Rachel CM, Kate B, Lisa D, Senhorina DS & Cat S for helping with the sale.

This year The Friends are raising money for new iPads/Tablets. These are very popular learning tools within schools and gives the children an opportunity to use latest learning tools. We are also looking to replace the scooter racks and treat the children years 1 - 6, to a Mini Marines activity day which has been scheduled for the new year. Reception will take part in a musical theatre and dance activity.

Helping Hand. If you would like to know more with what The Friends do, and/or get involved then please feel free to come along to our meetings held monthly, all are welcome, or email thefriendsofstclements@gmail.com.

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(Year 5 dad)

Treasurer
Katie Yates
(Year 4 & 2 mum)

Dear Parents / Carers,

MATCH FUNDING

You will hopefully be aware of the fantastic work your PTA are doing to raise funds for our school. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the Match Funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could raise and **double the funds** for the PTA.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. It is a very simple, yet immensely useful scheme and companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match funds for our Christmas Fayre event on 7th December and/or any other of our events. If you can't help this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for the PTA and help us raise money for St Clement's Catholic Primary School.

If you are able to help us this way, please let myself, Faye Giannotti, know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Faye Giannotti

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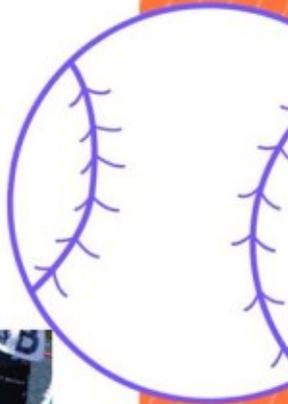
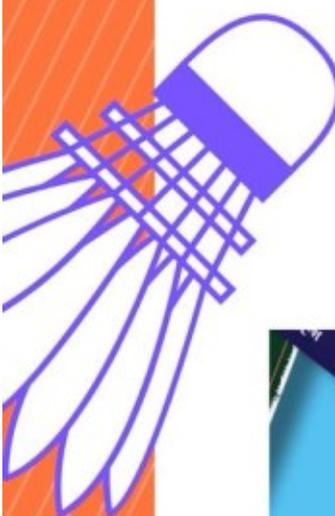
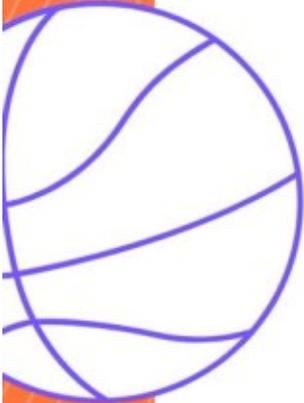


Take your stickers to school to help complete your poster.



Send the completed poster back to us to receive your sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000!

HAND INTO THE OFFICE





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St Clements Catholic Primary School

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 7th December

12 noon - 3pm

Fennells Mead, Ewell West

Join in the Christmas fun

Santa's Grotto, Mulled Wine,
Market Stalls, Festive Games,
Food & Much More

The Romans are coming
Saturday November 9 1pm to 3pm



The Romans are coming, building that newfangled thing called a road through the area, and changing a way of life forever. Discover what life was like in Roman Ewell, find out what they ate and how they cooked it, and taste some of the results! You can try out some beauty treatments, or if you are fed up with Ewell join the Roman Army and see the Empire – but be sure you want to, because it will be for 25 years.

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

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