



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd November 2019

ST CLEMENT'S DAY

We had a fantastic day celebrating St Clement's Day today. Year 2 started the day with a wonderful assembly about new beginnings and all of the children met their prayer partners in other classes. They spent time talking to each other and the older children have enjoyed looking after the younger ones. Year 1 met their Year 5 prayer partners and collaborated on a piece of artwork. In pairs, they needed to create an anchor themed picture, using a variety of materials and equipment. Together they produced beautiful pieces and it was lovely to see them working together and communicating with each other. Year 1 have taken these home for parents to see along with a bookmark created by their Year 5 prayer partner.

Each class have had their St Clement's Day photograph taken and these will be displayed around the school. Father Graham joined us for Mass at the end of the day to celebrate our feast day. The Friends presented him with two hampers for the Church Christmas Fayre on Sunday. We remembered St Clement's love for God and his trust in God and we prayed that we too can be more like him.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a 'Happy St Clement's Day!'



YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY NEW BEGINNINGS

Today children, parents and staff enjoyed an assembly given by Year 2 in which they spoke and sung about new beginnings. They reminded us that although we may have mixed feelings about trying new things and activities, we need to show perseverance and determination if we wish to succeed. We are grateful for all the new beginnings we encounter. They also reminded us that God is with us at every new beginning, as illustrated in Psalm 139 1-5. Well done Year 2.

We praise you God

Each day the sun

Rises high in the sky

To give us light and warmth

Words are not needed

To tell us how wonderful you are

The silent message

Reaches everyone, everywhere

We are full of joy

As each new day begins



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Thank you to all parents who sent in their ballot papers for the parent governor election. The count was taken at 9.00am on 14th November and the result was as follows:

Guy Laister: 98 votes

Darron Hazelby: 51 votes

Kate Barron: 114 votes

We are pleased to advise that Mrs Kate Barron and Mr Guy Laister have duly been elected as parent governors with immediate effect. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Hazelby for also standing for election.

YEAR 3 PREHISTORY WORKSHOP

“Thrilling!” “Amazing!” “Superb!” “Hilarious!”

These were some of the adjectives used by the children to describe their prehistory workshop as they discovered artefacts, invented fire and built Stonehenge! Archaeologist, Mortimer Wheeler, really brought the past to life in an engaging and memorable way, enhancing our learning about the Stone Age.



YEAR 4 ANGLO-SAXON WORKSHOP

On Thursday 14th November, Year 4 enjoyed an Anglo-Saxon Workshop with archaeologist Mortimer Wheeler. The children engaged in looking at artefacts, role playing traditional Anglo-Saxon families and village life and recreating Anglo-Saxon warrior battle scenes. The History topic this term was certainly brought to life and the children loved it!



CHANGES TO SCHOOL LUNCHES



The school's catering provider has been making lots of changes behind the scenes and is now called Twelve15 (formerly known as Commercial Services). You will be aware of the new menu which was sent via ParentMail at the start of this half term. The same staff will be cooking and serving the children each day, led by Miss Toni.

Team Twelve15 want to encourage pupils to make healthy food choices and to care about what they fuel their bodies with. They will work much closer with the school, children and parents to make sure that the menu offers both great choices and great nutrition. Over 80% of the ingredients used in the Twelve15 menu are sourced from the UK.

Please visit their website www.itstwelve15.co.uk for further information or speak to Miss Toni in the School Kitchen.

'PEOPLE WHO HELP'

The Reception children have been learning about 'People Who Help' as part of their topic for this term. On Tuesday, firefighters visited from Epsom Fire Station, bringing their fire engine in to the playground, which caused great excitement! The children learned about the different parts of the fire engine and helped to use the hoses, spraying water all over the playground. The firefighters left with the sirens blaring, what an exciting morning!

Today, two police officers visited the school. PC Catherine and PC Bobby explained their jobs within the Police Force. The children were given the opportunity to dress up in real police uniform and they all had their fingerprints taken!

Most importantly, the children learned about ringing 999 for emergencies and 101 for non-emergencies. It would be helpful to discuss these numbers at home with all pupils as a reminder for what to do if help is needed.



ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

Anchor Awards are presented fortnightly in a special assembly to two pupils in each class 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 which can be worn for the fortnight. Congratulations to the following children who received awards at our recent Anchor Assembly;

Year 6	Alicja Moron & Jay English
Year 5	Charlotte Laister & Amischa Richards
Year 4	Ethan Readett & Aidan Betts
Year 3	Ellis Forrestal-Williams & Taylor Cawood
Year 2	Noah Askin & Elizabeth Stanley
Year 1	Harry Cocks-Moran & Daniella Grzenda-Rodriguez
Reception	Quinn Stanley & Kamila Kielar

ATTENDANCE AWARD



The reward of an extra long play time on Friday goes to **Year 4** (again!) with an attendance of 99.2%.

A special mention goes to **Year 1** who only narrowly missed out with an attendance of 99.1% and shows a huge improvement on previous weeks.

YEAR 3 SYNAGOGUE TRIP



On the morning of Wednesday 20th November 2019, Year 3 visited Kingston Synagogue to support their understanding of the Jewish faith. Listening carefully to the Jewish Elders, the children found out lots of information about their religion and their place of worship. The children were allowed to handle some of the special artefacts and ask questions. As well as this, the children found out about the Shabbat meal and the Story of Passover.



The Elders were very impressed with Year 3's level of knowledge and understanding and complimented the staff on the way the children conducted themselves throughout the visit. Many thanks to the parents who kindly accompanied the class.

SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Last week and earlier this week we had the pleasure of visiting the Glyn Sports Ground for an inter-schools football tournament. Two groups of girls and boys from Years 5 & 6 took part with twelve other schools. Both teams played fantastic football and gave great encouragement to each other. They both came second in their group and went through to the semi-finals! There were some fantastic skills, magnificent goals and saves and the sportsmanship was amazing! Mrs Flaherty was very proud of them all. Thank you to all the parents for their support.



SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Sportshall Athletics for Years 3 & 4 took place this week. Seventeen children took part with brilliant performances from everyone. As usual our children were exceptionally well behaved and fantastic at supporting each other. We definitely have some Olympic athletes in the making!

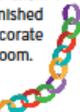
We finished 4th out of ten schools. What an achievement and what a lovely bunch of children to take to a sporting event! Thank you to Mrs Kingswell and all the parents for their support.



IDEAS FOR ADVENT

With Advent nearly upon us, please find below some ideas you may like to try as a family to mark this important time of year. You will notice that some of the suggestions are aimed as classroom activities but these can easily be adapted to do at home.

Mission Together Advent Calendar 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1st Sunday of Advent. Today the first candle on the Advent wreath is lit. When do we light the others?</p> <p>1 </p>	<p>The birth of Jesus brings hope. Create a <i>Star of Hope*</i> to show how you can bring hope to others.</p> <p>2 </p>	<p>St Francis Xavier Day. Name three countries where Saint Francis Xavier went to tell people about Jesus.</p> <p>3 </p>	<p>Give other children the gift of hope by raising money for <i>Mission Together</i> this Advent.</p> <p>4 </p>	<p>As a class, sing <i>Maranatha</i>. Listen carefully to the words and think about what they mean.</p> <p>5 </p>	<p>St Nicholas' Day*. Who is St Nicholas and what did he do to bring hope to the poor?</p> <p>6 </p>	<p>Say the Mission Together Prayer: May all children in the world, share love, share friendship and live in the peace of God's love. Now and forever. Amen.</p> <p>7</p>
<p>2nd Sunday of Advent. Today find out why the Advent wreath is circular.</p> <p>8 </p>	<p>Jesus helps people to find peace. Say the <i>Mission Together</i> prayer today for children living in war zones.</p> <p>9 </p>	<p>As a class, make a <i>Peace Paper Chain*</i>. Use your finished chain to decorate your classroom.</p> <p>10 </p>	<p>As a class, sing <i>Silent Night</i>. Listen carefully to the words and think about what they mean.</p> <p>11 </p>	<p>Make and deliver a Christmas card for an elderly relative or neighbour.</p> <p>12 </p>	<p>As a class, play the <i>Advent Symbols Quiz*</i>. See how many answers you can get!</p> <p>13 </p>	<p>Make a nativity set, using recycled materials.</p> <p>14 </p>
<p>3rd Sunday of Advent. Today find out why is the third candle on the wreath is pink.</p> <p>15 </p>	<p>As a class, sing <i>Joy to the World</i>. Listen carefully to the words and think about what they mean.</p> <p>16 </p>	<p>Find out how Christmas is celebrated in another country.</p> <p>17 </p>	<p>Your mission today: Bring a smile to at least five people.</p> <p>18 </p>	<p>Make a <i>Joyful Angel*</i> and think about how you can share the message of God's love today.</p> <p>19 </p>	<p>Pray the <i>Mission Together</i> prayer today for children who feel lonely.</p> <p>20 </p>	<p>Find a way to help at home to prepare for Christmas.</p> <p>21 </p>
<p>4th Sunday of Advent. Today find out why the Advent wreath is made of evergreens.</p> <p>22 </p>	<p>Draw a picture of the first Christmas.</p> <p>23 </p>	<p>Pray for children who have no home. Ask God to keep them safe, and for us to find ways to help them.</p> <p>24 </p>	<p>Jesus is born! Happy Christmas! Remember to thank God and your family for all the gifts their love brings.</p> <p>25 </p>		<p>How can you make any visitors you have feel welcome in your home this Christmas?</p> <p>26 </p>	<p>As we approach the New Year, make a Resolution - to share God's love with everyone, everywhere.</p> <p>27 </p>

The activities **Star of Hope*, *Peace Paper Chain*, *Advent Symbols Quiz*, *Joyful Angel*, and the *St Nicholas Story* are all available to download from the Advent resources page of our website missiontogether.org.uk.
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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This year's Anti-Bullying Week had the theme **Change Starts With Us** and took place from Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November 2019. On Monday the children listened to an assembly about anti-bullying and reflected on how we can be kind towards one another. On Tuesday, we took part in 'Odd Socks Day' where the children wore odd socks to school to celebrate how good it is to be unique and different.

During the week, each class focused on either a different story or issue about anti-bullying which they then presented to the rest of the school at an assembly at the end of the week. Each class thought about how as a school we can prevent and respond to bullying. There was a lot of very useful discussions within classrooms around this topic and it was good for the children to talk about what we can do as a school to ensure they feel happy and safe.



NEWSLETTER



CHRISTMAS FAYRE UPDATE

Preparations continue for what will be an enjoyable Christmas Fayre on 7th December 2019. We hope you, your family and friends can join us in the festive fun.

This year our **amazing stalls** include face painting, Christmas crafts with door wreaths, table and tree decorations, chocolate and bottle tombolas, hair and nail design, lucky envelopes and festive games with prizes to be won. There will be cake and sweet stalls, a prosecco bar, mulled wine and mince pies, refreshments and hot food. Enjoy the School choir perform Christmas carols. Visit Santa's grotto.

The **raffle tickets** for the grand draw are on sale with fabulous prizes to be won. To properly acknowledge the efforts a class makes in selling raffle tickets, **the class that sells the most tickets will be rewarded with a class movie, popcorn, drink and a Christmas gift bag for each child to take home.** Any class that sells 80 or more books will also enjoy a movie. The final class ticket sales count will take place on 2nd December at 4pm so please ensure all sold tickets are returned to the Friend's mailbox in the school Office by then.

If you are unable to sell the raffle books allocated to your child, please return them to your Class Rep or directly to the School Office. Further books can be collected from the School Office or your Class Rep.

The **online auction** remains open until 9pm on 6th December 2019 and can be visited at auctionofpromises.com/stclements2019xmasAuction. To enter the auction simply register with the website, login and place a bid.

Further bought or baked cake and biscuit donation are required. If you are happy to make a donation to this stall please email thefriendsofstclements@gmail.com.

Finally, a thank you to all of those who were able to display an Estate Agent board and thereby securing a £500 donation from Nicholls Residential.

Thank you all for your contributions to this year's fayre.

The Friends of St Clements.

ST CLEMENT'S CINEMA NIGHTS PRESENTS



Friday 13th December 2019

**TICKETS ARE PRICED AT £5.00 EACH OR 3 FOR £12.00 (SIBLINGS ONLY DISCOUNT) AND INCLUDE POPCORN, FRUIT AND A DRINK.
CHILDREN SHOULD BE COLLECTED PROMPTLY AT 5.30PM**

**RESPONSE SLIPS WILL BE PLACED IN THE
CHILDRENS BAGS W/C 25TH NOV**

**DEADLINE FOR BUYING TICKETS IS 9AM ON
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER**



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St Clements Catholic Primary School

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 7th December

12 noon - 3pm

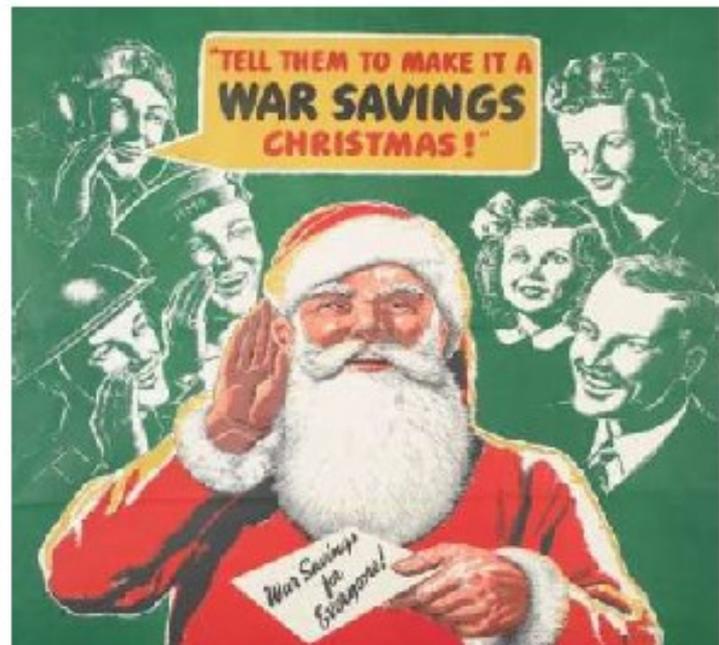
Fennells Mead, Ewell West

Join in the Christmas fun

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

A World War 2 Christmas – Saturday December 14

1pm to 2.30pm



For many families, the most difficult part of a wartime Christmas was spending the festive season apart from loved ones. Many men were fighting abroad in the armed forces or were being held as prisoners of war. Women might also be away in the services or carrying out war work. Many children spent Christmas away from home as evacuees. By the end of the war, thousands of families had suffered the death of a family member either in action or from enemy bombing raids. Christmas luxuries were especially hard to come by at a time when even basic foods were scarce and people were forced to find substitutes for key festive ingredients. Gifts were often homemade and practical, and children's toys would be made from recycled materials. Cards were smaller and printed on flimsy paper but people still did their best to have a good time.

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

KT17 1UF Tel 020 8394 1734. Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

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