



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th December 2019

CAROL SINGING

On Wednesday morning we took twenty five members of our school choir from Years 5 and 6 to The Ashley Centre in Epsom where they sang Christmas songs to the shoppers. The children sang beautifully and were true ambassadors for St Clement's.

As usual we were singing to raise money for charity and we thank everyone who donated and to the parents who came along to support.



RETREAT DAY

Last Friday, Year 5 took part in their annual Retreat Day. This year the theme was 'going for goals through positive reinforcement'. During the day, Year 5 took part in team building activities, meditated, created prayer cards and discussed their own personal goals. We talked about ignoring negative comments and persevering with our goals even when things get tough.

They also had a visit from Father Graham who reminded us of our world goals; to look after the environment and to be good Christians so we can reach heaven.

Year 5 were also treated to a lunch of pizza and ice cream! They had a fantastic day and thought carefully about their goals for the future.



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	Tom Patrick & Aoibheann Maloney
Year 5	Raul Rasulov & George Warner
Year 4	Thomas Newton & Julia Kielar
Year 3	Isabella Grzenda-Rodriguez & Archie Meeson
Year 2	Kuba Kusy & Jocelyn Saville
Year 1	Caitlin Sheehan & Henry Kirchmair
Reception	Molly McCabe & Leon Marcelo

ATTENDANCE AWARD



The reward of an extra long play time last Friday went to **Year 4** (again!) with an attendance of 97.7%.

A special mention goes to **Year 6** who only narrowly missed out with an attendance of 97.2% and shows a huge improvement on previous weeks.

SPORTSHALL SUCCESS

The Sportshall Athletics Competition for Years 5 and 6 took place recently at Rosebery school. Twenty children took part with excellent performances from everyone. As usual our children were exceptionally well behaved and fantastic at supporting each other. We had some outstanding performances in all events



especially the running and jumping where we won several of our heats. Who knows but maybe we have some Olympic athletes in the making!

The scores were so close at the end of the competition and we finished a very deserving second place out of ten schools. What an achievement and what a lovely bunch of children to take to a sporting event! We may be small but we certainly give it everything we've got! Thank you so much to Mrs Kingswell and all the parents for their support.



POPPY APPEAL UPDATE

The school raised a fantastic total of **£220.77** for The Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to all those who donated for their generosity.

RSPCA DONATION REQUEST

One of our parents is asking for donations on behalf of the RSPCA. Please see the request below;

I am collecting donations of old blankets, throws, towels, dressing gowns or old cat/dog beds (anything we can use for bedding). Also small rugs, runners or bathroom mats for big dogs that like to stretch out on the floor. We are always very grateful for any donations! Please leave your donations in the dedicated box outside the School Office or if anyone would like to drop off the bedding at the kennels the address is;

Star Boarding Kennels and Cattery, Wide View, Green Lane, Chessington, KT17 2DS

If it's after business hours, just drop the bag over the front gate someone will see it and collect it.

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT



Dear Jesus,

*You entered our world on Christmas as
the Prince of Peace.*

*This Advent, as we strive to become
the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a
deep and abiding peace.*

*Help us share that peace with everyone we
encounter, especially those who need it most.*

Amen.

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,

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WW2 RATIONING A FAIR SHARE FOR ALL?

January 11 1pm to 2.30pm

Meet a wartime couple and learn why they rationed food in WW2 and what it was like to queue for hours. Find how important your ration books were – if you didn't have one, you got no food.

Sugar, meat, fats, bacon and cheese were rationed by coupon and other foods such as tinned goods, dried fruit,

cereals and biscuits were rationed by a points system, where the number of points changed according to availability and demand. People queued for hours only to find they had sold out or even queued to find out what was on sale, but a queue was always good for a chat. There were no supermarkets so people queued at many shops – the butcher, greengrocer or baker. Because clothes too were rationed. Many people had to make do and mend.



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