



# ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th December 2019

## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It has been a very busy, successful term for our staff and pupils. In the midst of our teaching and learning, preparation for all our festivities and celebrations, we are mindful of the need to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. People all over the world will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and sharing in the joy that this brings.

At St Clement's we have fostered the true spirit and meaning of Christmas, by sharing our own gratitude for a good and secure life with those who are not so fortunate. As ever our pupils and families have given generously to support our charity 'Save the children' and donated items towards the 'Big Warm Up' which will ensure essential items such as hats and socks will be delivered to those who are homeless this Christmas.

Our carol singing at the Ashley Centre raised a much-appreciated £215.00 for the **Epsom Medical Equipment Fund**, and older members of our local community at **Priory Court** have enjoyed our Year 6 children's singing. We would like to thank you all, parents, pupils and friends of St Clement's, for your continued support and to wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Holy Christmas.

## THE NATIVITY

On the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of December, Reception and Key Stage 1 delighted their parents and relatives with their performance of the Nativity play, 'It's a Miracle!' which told the story of the birth of Jesus. The performance included great acting, comedy, clear articulate speaking and wonderful singing from all the children. Year 2 provided superb musical accompaniment using percussion instruments. We were extremely proud of all our children. Throughout their entertaining performance, the children reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas and that Jesus brings light, hope and joy to the world.



# THE ADVENT SERVICE

This week during our Advent Service, Key Stage 2 gave us all a timely reminder of the true meaning of Christmas, delivering the story of the birth of Jesus and how it changed the world forever. Some beautiful poems and delightful singing from each class and the choir emphasised the Christmas message throughout the school community.

We hope you thoroughly enjoyed the service and wish you a Merry Christmas.

Special thanks to all the staff for planning such a meaningful and thought provoking event, allowing all the children the opportunity to participate in such a special service.



# SINGING AT PRIORY COURT

Year 6 were invited to the Priory Court Care Home to entertain their residents with a selection of Christmas songs and carols. The audience were very appreciative and were delighted to sing along. Afterwards our children spent time chatting about Christmas plans with the residents whilst enjoying juice and biscuits.

Year 6 were outstanding, their sensitivity at such an event proved what great Ambassadors they are for St Clement's School.

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Thursday 19th December we enjoyed a fantastic Christmas lunch cooked for us by Miss Toni, Miss Gilyan and Miss Zaira. It was delicious! The children and staff had a wonderful time and really enjoyed the roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings. It was great to see the children wearing their amazing Christmas hats.



# COMPETITION WINNER!

We are pleased to announce that a pupil at St Clement's has won the Chris Grayling Christmas card competition. Laura Reynolds in Year 6 has been declared the overall winner and Rachel Moore in Year 6 is the runner up. We are so proud of them both! Thank you to all of the children who entered the competition this year.



Laura and her family will visit the Houses of Parliament in the New Year to collect her prize from Chris Grayling himself and her Christmas card will be sent out to community groups, public services organisations, local charities and most importantly to Boris Johnson the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet.

# 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;

<b>Year 6</b>	Lara Corpuz & Tom Hillier
<b>Year 5</b>	Megan Dulwich & Freddie Joyce
<b>Year 4</b>	George Redmond & Laila Russell
<b>Year 3</b>	Marta Moron & Max Spiteri Honigsfeld
<b>Year 2</b>	Olivia Borowski & Ralph Jackson
<b>Year 1</b>	Eliana Rios-Khaleeq & Joseph Jeeves
<b>Reception</b>	Myla Antonopoulos & Ava Jackson

# SCIENTIST OF THE TERM

This year we have introduced a new award, '**Scientist of the Term**'. Each class teacher nominates a top scientist in their class for that term - someone that has demonstrated an enthusiasm for the subject; sharing prior knowledge, taking part in discussions and participating fully. Each child receives a certificate. Then, using a lucky dip, the 'Scientist of the Term' is chosen from the nominees who receives a special prize. Below is a list of the overall winner and the nominees:

**Scientist of the term:** Max Spiteri Honigsfeld

**Reception:** Amelie Westhead

**Year 1:** Bailey Kent-Skorsepova

**Year 2:** Noah Askin

**Year 3:** Max Spiteri Honigsfeld

**Year 4:** Laila Russell

**Year 5:** Benjamin Saville

**Year 6:** Hannah Lynch

# BOOK PRIZES

The following children have been awarded book prizes for their hard work and positive attitude this term. Our book prizes are awarded termly by each class teacher to one child who they think has gained confidence, self-esteem and shown resilience and determination to succeed. This award is only given once in your child's career at St Clement's.

Reception: **Cerys Preston**

Year 1: **Annabelle Piechocki**

Year 2: **Imoh Isemin**

Year 3: **Isabella Giannotti**

Year 4: **George Redmond**

Year 5: **Freddie Joyce**

Year 6: **Tom Patrick**



# HELLO VEG COMPETITION WINNER!

We are delighted to announce that Braeden Currie has won the 'Hello Veg' Competition which we took part in as part of our 'Save our Planet lunch' event. Braeden designed his favourite vegetable which he called **Stevie Spinach**.

Braeden's winning design is now being turned into a soft toy which he will receive after we come back from the Christmas holidays. Well done Braeden!

## CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards, wrapping paper and gift tags of your child's artwork this year.

**A total of £289.85 was raised!**

An enormous thank you to the Friends of St Clement's for organising this and giving up so much of their time to help the children create their artwork.

# TOP ATTENDANCE

Certificates were awarded at the end of term assembly to pupils who achieved top attendance this term. We thank parents for their ongoing support in helping the children to achieve good school attendance.

# ATTENDANCE AWARD



The reward of an extra long play time last Friday went to  
**Year 5** with an attendance of 97.05%.

**Year 4** won the best overall attendance this term with 98%  
and received an extra long play today. Well done!

**Friends of St Clement's**



# £8,348 RAISED!

The staff at St Clement's School would like to thank everyone who tirelessly organised and ran the Christmas Fayre this year, raising the largest amount ever achieved! Those on the Fayre Team give a huge amount of their time to make these occasions such a success and we would like to express our enormous appreciation.

# AND FINALLY...

Thank you for all your kind wishes and gifts that the staff have received,  
they are very much appreciated.

We wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas holiday and we look forward  
to welcoming you back in the new year.

**SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN AT THE USUAL TIME ON  
MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**

THE FRIENDS OF ST CLEMENTS

# MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you for supporting all events hosted by The Friends, especially our Christmas Fayre which was a great success raising £8,348. All monies raised is used to purchase essential learning equipment and tools for all our children.

OUR NEXT FRIENDS MEETING IS SCHEDULED THURSDAY 30TH  
JANUARY 7.15PM. NEW FACES AND NEW IDEAS ALWAYS WELCOME,  
PLEASE COME ALONG.

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# THE BIG WARM UP

Thank you for all your kind donations to the Big Warm Up. These were given to homeless people in Victoria London yesterday, Thursday 19th December.

Donations have been greatly appreciated.



The Friends will continue donating items to The Big Warm Up throughout next year. Please look out for further information and where you can help.



Bourne Hall Museum  
Kids Club

bringing history alive



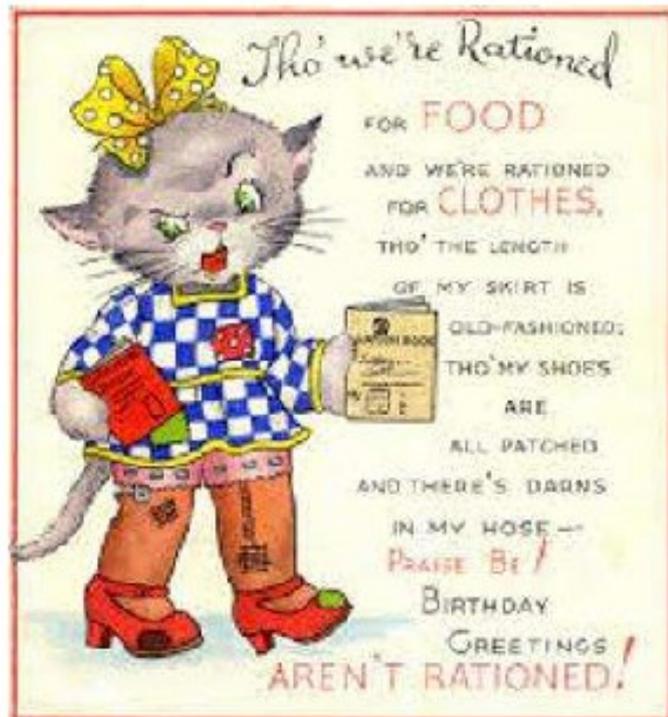
## WW2 RATIONING A FAIR SHARE FOR ALL?

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.



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