



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 20th July 2021

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families all of the very best for the summer. May it be a safe, healthy and happy one and whatever your holiday plans are, may they be most enjoyable!

For those of you departing St Clement's, please take our best wishes for the future with you and please let us know how you and the children get on as the next chapter unfolds.

For those of you who remain with us, we look forward to welcoming you back next term on Friday 3rd September.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS

We wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best at their new schools and we will enjoy hearing about their future experiences as they settle into the next stage of their education.



At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom,

For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced;

For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days,

And for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the special community that we are.

Bless our families as we begin our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

ST PETER AND ST PAUL MASS

On Tuesday 29th June Year 3 gathered in prayer to celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. In the readings we heard how the weak man, Simon, became the strong leader, Peter, and how the soldier, Saul, became the missionary, Paul. Fr Graham explained that The Lord made Peter and Paul strong and gave them the courage to make a new start. He reminded us that we too, should try to be like them, sharing the Good News of Jesus through our words and actions.



RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY

This term, Reception have been learning all about growing – with bean experiments, planting sunflowers, growing grass from seeds, our butterfly garden and the chicks.



On Wednesday 23rd June, Reception presented their assembly 'Growing Together in Love and Learning'. They shared the story of Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen.

They talked about their learning and also sang a song all about a bean growing into a beanstalk. The assembly finished with a prayer:

Dear God,
Help us to grow in kindness
Help us to grow in friendship
Help us to grow in learning
Help us to grow in love
Help us to grow to be more like you.
St. Clement, help us to grow together in love and learning
Amen

YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 1 children performed their final class assembly on Friday 2nd July. The theme of their assembly was Neighbours. The children explored who are our neighbours and reminded us that we must be ready to help whoever needs our help because everyone is our neighbour. Then they told us the story of the Good Samaritan to explain how we can be a good neighbour. The children gave us some lovely examples of how to be a good neighbour. They reminded us of Pope Francis' letter to us all called Fratelli Tutti which urges us to treat everyone like a brother or sister. They finished with this prayer.

Dear Lord,
Help me to remember that everyone is my neighbour.
If I can do something good
Or show my kindness
Then help me to do it today
For unless love is shared
It will not grow.
Amen.

I am sure you will agree that all the Year 1 children spoke confidently and clearly during their assembly.



YEAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY

To celebrate the end of their journey in Key Stage 1, Year 2 performed an assembly, recalling all their favourite memories from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. They acted, sang and said their words beautifully and told us about what they were looking forward to in Year 3. We wish them all the best as they transition into Key Stage 2.



BUTTERFLIES IN RECEPTION

On Thursday 1st July 2021 the Reception children released their butterflies into the outdoor area. We remembered the different stages that we observed whilst watching the Butterfly Garden in our classroom.



We said a special prayer before watching our butterflies fly away.

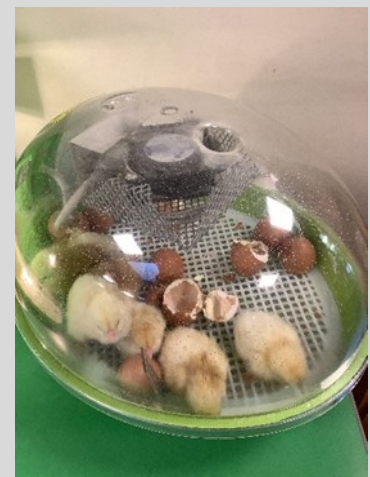
We have watched you from tiny caterpillars and we watched you grow and grow. We saw you form a chrysalis around your little body. Then suddenly one day we saw a tiny crack at the top. You nibbled and nibbled until you could pop your head out and see the world with new eyes. Then you emerged gracefully and spread your wings. Now you are ready to go and explore the world.



We pretended to be butterflies, spreading our wings for the first time and exploring the world around us!

CHICKS HATCHING IN SCHOOL

On Monday 14th June, St Clement's School received a special delivery of 10 chicken eggs. On Wednesday 16th June, the first chick hatched and Reception named it 'Fluffy'. By the 17th June all 10 chicks had safely hatched. We enjoyed watching the live stream in our classrooms and each class made regular visits to check on the chicks.



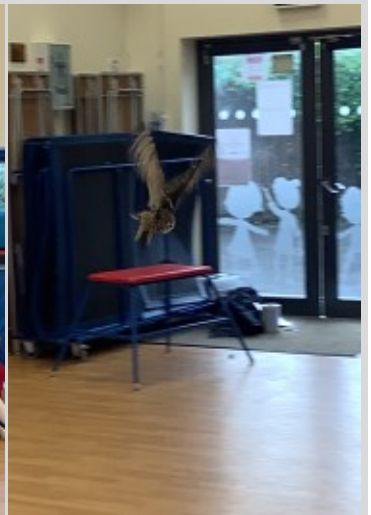
PUNCH AND JUDY

In June, Year 1 and Year 2 were treated to an outdoor performance of a Punch and Judy show. They were transported back in time to the seaside and enjoyed meeting and watching Punch, Judy, the baby and all the other hilarious characters. The children had a wonderful time and laughter could be heard across the school. They also asked interesting questions and were entertained with some amazing magic tricks.



NITE OWL

The children were treated to a visit from Nite Owls to inspire their work on the wonderful world of owls. They marvelled at the amazing collection of owls including a snowy owl, a barn owl, a great horned owl and an Asian brown wood owl. The children observed the birds of prey up close. It was an excellent and informative presentation, which helped to enrich our topic of looking after the environment. Some of the children bravely volunteered to join in the flying demonstration and absolutely loved seeing the owls flying around the school hall. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and staff alike!



JUNIOR CITIZENS

Year 6 took part in the 'Junior Citizens' event which reminded them how to keep themselves and others safe as they grow older and more independent. They listened carefully and were actively involved in discussions and scenarios covering issues such as railway safety, drugs awareness, caring for the environment and fire safety amongst others. Every child has been given a really interesting and informative 'Junior Life Skills' book which we would encourage you to work through together at home. The children were brilliantly behaved and a credit to St Clement's.



YEAR 6 VISIT TO HIGH ASHURST

Well, we had a trip to remember! A very wet trip! The rain poured down but it didn't dampen the ardour and enthusiasm of the Year 6's as they swung through the trees at heights you wouldn't imagine. Every child took part and conquered any fears they thought they might have and it was a truly fabulous day!



YEAR 5 VISIT TO HIGH ASHURST

Years 5 enjoyed a day's outdoor learning at Surrey Outdoor Learning and Development (SOLD). This company are committed to developing positive personal growth through outdoor experiences that challenge their minds and bodies. The children excelled themselves in the various challenging activities, showing resilience and perseverance. A great day was had by all.



STEMFEST SCIENCE SHOW

Year 5 visited Blenheim School to take part in a special STEMfest Science Show. They were treated to a wonderful display by Jo the Scientist who taught them all about The Solar System. The show was a brilliant interactive experience and the children had fun becoming planets and catching meteors! Thank you to Blenheim School for putting this on for us.



WATER TALK

Year 4 were visited by Nick, an Education Officer at SES Water. He came to talk with them about one of the world's most valuable resources, water. They learnt about the water cycle, the complicated process of making water safe to use and he discussed with the children how we use our water. With a variety of demonstrations and discussions, they had an enriching, educational time and now have a better understanding of how precious water is and how to use water responsibly. Nick left each of the children with a useful shower timer and an information leaflet. Thank you to SES Water for a worthwhile visit!



HEALTHY EATING WEEK

As part of our Surrey Healthy Schools Approach and journey to Healthy Schools Status, the children and staff of St Clement's took part in this very important week under the guidance of The British Nutrition Foundation. We began with an assembly to reflect on our lifestyles and understand how to make improvements to enhance our own health and wellbeing. The children then undertook various activities throughout the week culminating in a showcase of work in 'Find the Healthier You'.



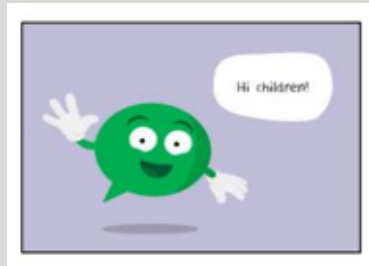
YEAR 5 'GROW YOUR OWN POTATOES'

As part of the 'Food – A Fact of Life' initiative and our Surrey Healthy Schools status, the children in Year 5 planted and grew their own potatoes. We are pleased to say that we have had a bumper harvest and the children will be bringing home some of their crop!



NSPCC

We took part in the NSPCC Speak out. Stay Safe programme during the week commencing the 28th June. The children in Key Stage 1 were introduced to Buddy who spoke to them about speaking out and staying safe and the kinds of worries that children can have. Buddy also reinforced the message that children can speak to someone they know and trust if they're worried about something.



The children in Key stage 2 also met Buddy who spoke to them about how important it is that children speak to a trusted adult if they're worried about something. Buddy also told our Key Stage 2 pupils about Childline. The children really enjoyed the sessions and they know exactly what to do if they need help.

RACE 4 LIFE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHALLENGE

This half term the children took part in the **Race for Life Primary Schools Challenge**. The children in Reception – Year 2 ran 1 mile and the Junior children ran 2 miles. The children were amazing!



The current amount raised is truly amazing and definitely reflects the caring and generous nature of our school community. The children also did brilliantly with many running more laps than planned; really motivated by the occasion! Thank you to everyone for getting involved!

END OF TERM PRIZES

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 as well as a child who lived out the Gospel values of St Clement's.

This year **The Slemish Cup** has been awarded to Kaylah.

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 **The Writer's Award** has been awarded to Sam.

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 George.



SCIENTIST OF THE TERM

Each class teacher has selected a pupil from their class who is their Scientist of the term. This could be for excellent scientific knowledge, super investigating or enquiry skills and/or enthusiasm. Each child received a special certificate and an applause for their achievement. An overall winner was chosen from a hat. The overall winner has received a Science experiments box. Below are the class Scientists of the term and the overall winner. Well done to all.

Reception: Aarav

Year 1: Ava

Year 2: Eliana

Year 3: Xavier

Year 4: Lara

Year 5: Aidan

Year 6: Grady

Overall winner: Xavier

BOOK PRIZES

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

Reception Eloise

Year 1 Orlando

Year 2 Jake

Year 3 Erin

Year 4 Liam F

Year 5 Sonia

Year 6 Jamie



ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at our Anchor Assembly this half term;

Year 6	Jamie, Sam, Mia, Raul, Roman and Adam
Year 5	Ashley, George, Maya, Henry W, Lola and Ethan
Year 4	Enya, Liam M, Jacob, Isabella G, Marta DS, and Rhyley
Year 3	Valentina, Aaliyah, Frankie, Tom, William and Ralph
Year 2	Luke, Anabelle, Isaac, Aine, Malachi and Bailey
Year 1	Nolan, Sophia, Leon, Lily, Emily and Thomas
Reception	Freyja, Johnny, Dora, Aarav, Etieno and Isaac

VALUES AND VIRTUES AWARD

This half term we have spent time as a whole school reflecting on the meaning of the values of generosity and service.

Well done to those children who received our Values and Virtues award at the Anchor Assembly this half term:

Year 6	George, Joshua S and Ben
Year 5	Ari, Scarlett and Lily
Year 4	Max, Liam F and Scarlett
Year 3	Brielle, Piroska and Tom
Year 2	Harry CM, Victoria and Caitlin
Year 1	Imogen, Oscar and Jack
Reception	Emma, Mae and Freyja

HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St Francis.

House	Points
St Benedict	12,327
St Francis	13,630
St Clare	12,706
St Margaret	13,438



The attendance award for this half term has gone to Year 4 and Year 2.

They have both received an extra - long playtime.

The overall attendance winner for the year is Year 2 with 98.7%

Well Done!

LUNCH COSTS

The cost of school lunches are increasing to **£2.45** per day.

The price of school lunches for years 3-6 (KS2) from Friday 3rd September to Friday 22nd October is £88.20 payable by Parentmail.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021 begins on Saturday 10 July!



Starting from 10th July, Surrey Libraries are excited to launch the **summer of reading**. Join the free **Summer Reading Challenge** at your local library, help six Wild World Adventurers and become an environmental hero!

Organised by the **Reading Agency**, the theme this year is **Wild World Heroes**, and has been developed in partnership with WWF UK, the world's leading independent conservation organisation. This year's Challenge will be a celebration of **reading**, nature and action for the environment. Wild World Heroes will inspire children to stand up for the future of our planet.



School reopens on Friday 3rd September.
I hope that you all enjoy your summer and get some well – earned rest and relaxation.