



# ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th December 2021

Advent is a time of waiting. The children have been busy this half term preparing themselves in school to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Year 6 have led us each week in an Advent service and they have asked the children to take time to think about what they can do to help others during this important season.

This Sunday in church Father Graham will light the fourth Advent candle which symbolizes Peace. This reminds us of the importance of peace as the true savior of the world is coming. We have been focusing on the value of peace throughout December and the children have been encouraged to share this value with everyone around them.

As we move into the last week before Christmas, let us take time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. May we all take time to be grateful for what we have and ask God to help us to share the peace of Christ with those around us.

*We wish you and your loved ones a  
safe and peaceful Christmas.*



*Heavenly Father,*

*We ask for your blessing at Christmas time.*

*May Jesus remind us how to love.*

*May Mary remind us how to be brave.*

*May Joseph remind us how to be faithful.*

*May the angels remind us how to praise you.*

*May the shepherds remind us how to be joyful.*

*May the wise men remind us how to welcome  
others.*

*And may we remind everybody that we belong to  
God's family.*

*We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A huge thankyou to Miss Bickerstaff, Miss Gilyan and Miss Zaira for cooking such a sumptuous Christmas lunch on Thursday which was thoroughly enjoyed by pupils. The children were treated to roast turkey with all the trimmings and a festive biscuit to follow. The pupils wore their fabulous Christmas hats and a joyful time was had by all!



# RECEPTION NATIVITY



Last week, Hedgehog Class performed their nativity, 'A Bundle of Joy', and it was a real joy to watch. They had great fun learning all the fantastic songs and every member of the class delivered their lines with confidence.

We are very proud of them!



# MATHS WEEK

The whole school was enthusiastically involved in a range of Maths activities for the week of 8<sup>th</sup> November to instill a love of Maths and a self-belief in their own abilities! All the children engaged their brains and solved Maths problems and quizzes through art, magic, playground games and good old-fashioned exercise books. KS2 even took part in the 'Maths World Cup' where the classes were split into teams and competed against schools from all over the world!



# THE FORGOTTEN HEROES



On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Year 6 learnt about life on the front line during WWII. Mortimer Wheeler used his own father's diaries to explain how tough life was for the front line soldiers. He spoke with such emotion and told us details that we might never have been able to find in books or the internet because they were so personal to him and his father. Year 6 gained a real insight into the forgotten heroes (e.g. the desert rats). The children were really engaged and Mortimer was really impressed by their knowledge and interest in this subject.

# KS1 NATIVITY

To celebrate this special, religious time of year, Year 1 and Year 2 performed their own class presentations of the play 'It's a baby'. It tells a very important story of a special baby boy, Jesus, the Son of God, who was born in a stable in Bethlehem. It recalls the story of the 1st Christmas. The children sang the songs beautifully and gave fantastic performances, they got us into the Christmas spirit. They also reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas; not just the joy of giving and receiving gifts, but remembering the birth of Jesus, God's son.





# KS2 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

In these ever-changing days, we have learnt that we need to be flexible and change plans accordingly. So we have done just that and this year, our KS2 Advent service can't be quite what we had planned but we are still determined to spread the joy and love of Christmas to all our friends and families by singing some of our favourite Christmas carols for you. You will be able to watch and get into the spirit of Christmas on Google Classroom. We hope you enjoy sharing the joy of Christmas with Years 3,4,5 and 6 as you sing along to some of the old favourites. The children are in fine voice and as usual, we are very proud of them!



# ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

St Clement's took part in The Anti-Bullying Alliance's themed week for 2021: One Kind Word. We marked the start of the week with Odd Socks Day and the children and staff were emblazoned with colourful odd socks for the day! Throughout the week, each class participated in many different Anti-Bullying activities. We watched a wonderful assembly led by Year 6 and we all talked about always being kind and considerate to each other using kind words. Well done to all the children at St Clement's for supporting such a worthwhile cause.



# AARON PHIPPS

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November we received a visit from Aaron Phipps who is a Paralympian. Aaron plays wheelchair rugby and in 2021, at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, Aaron and his teammates won the first ever Gold Medal for Paralympics GB in a team sport event.

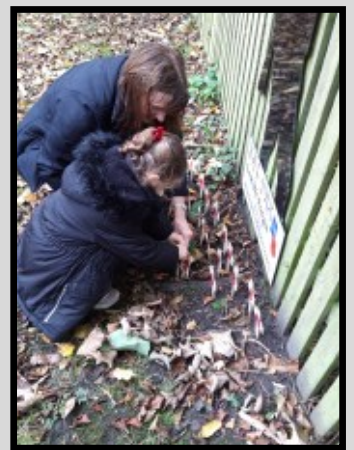


Aaron spoke to all of the children and told them his story which is truly inspirational. He embodies the word resilience and he talked to the children about how perseverance, determination and hardwork are needed to reach your goals. Aaron brought his gold medal along with him to show to the children and staff. It was a fantastic day and the children were really inspired by Aaron.



# YEAR 2 REMEMBER...

On Wednesday 10th November, Year 2 attended a Remembrance Day Service at Bourne Hall with several other schools. They represented the school magnificently and read their poem beautifully 'Poppies for Remembrance'. They have been studying World War 1 and Remembrance Day in their topic work this half term. They were also lucky enough to have a special talk from David at Bourne Hall, who shared his knowledge and pictures of WW1 in Epsom and Ewell.





# BIKEABILITY

A couple of weeks ago, 31 year 6 children took part in the bikeability course. They learned a variety of skills on how to ride safely on the surrounding roads. As usual, the leaders were very impressed with our cyclists who demonstrated great listening and great determination to follow the instructions safely and of course their behaviour was impeccable. They have all learned an extremely valuable skill. Thank you so much to the team of bikeability leaders. Another job well done! Congratulations year 6!



# CROSS COUNTRY



Mrs Kingswell and Mrs Regan took a group of 16 runners from Year 5 and 6 to the Epsom and Ewell Cross Country competition. There were two separate races – girls and boys. All of our runners did amazingly well and all completed the course. Both races had over 60 runners and 8 of our children came in the first half of the field. Congratulations to Matthew in Year 6 who came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall! An amazing job by all the children! A big thank you to Mrs Kingswell and Mrs Regan for accompanying the children – they were so proud of all of them!



# THE EMERGENCY SERVICES VISIT HEDGEHOGS

The children in Hedgehogs have been learning about the emergency services this half term. They have been looking at how people can help us. As part of this topic, they received visits from the NHS, the Police and the Fire rescue service.



Mrs Harvey-Porter visited the children to talk about her job as a physiotherapist in Kingston Hospital. They learnt words such as paramedic, plaster and stethoscope. Mrs Harvey-Porter made the children a rainbow for their classroom.



On Thursday 18th November, Hedgehog had a visit from two police officers. PC Murphy and Sergeant Pilkington visited the class to talk about their jobs. Hedgehogs sang a police song to the two officers. They talked about their uniforms and how to play safe.



Red watch visited the class on Thursday 9th December. The children were allowed to use the fire hose and to climb into the fire engine. Red watch talked about the equipment on the fire engine and they delighted the children by turning on the sirens.



# YEAR 3

## BRITAIN'S PREHISTORIC MYSTERIES WORKSHOP

Year 3 had an enjoyable and informative morning as part of their history topic about the Stone Age. Digging for buried treasures, using stone tools, discovering fire, hunting and building Stonehenge were just a few of the activities enjoyed by the children in their fascinating Prehistory workshop. Archaeologist, Mortimer Wheeler, really brought the past to life, involving everyone in an engaging and memorable way. A day we'll never forget!



## HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St Clare

House	Points
St Benedict	3253
St Francis	3315
St Clare	3579
St Margaret	3284



# YEAR 5 RETREAT DAY



On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 took part in a very special Retreat Day, a day of reflection, prayer and spirituality. The day began with an opening prayer asking the Lord to bless Year 5 for the theme of the day, 'trust and friendships'.

Many activities took part in the hall including an obstacle course, a blindfold game and a session of meditation. Lunchtime was enjoyed by all with a pizza lunch and a very special visitor, Mr Cook, our Chair of Governors.

The children so enjoyed the day, this was evident in the evaluations they wrote afterwards.



# YEAR 5 WORKSHOPS

The children in Year 5 really enjoyed meeting Mortimer Wheeler again, this time the intrepid archaeologist was at St Clement's to tell us all about the Ancient Greeks.

He introduced Year 5 to the fascinating history of these people, including much information about how they created the Olympics, the gods and goddesses they worshipped and the famous battles they fought.

A splendid time was had by all!



# CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

This month all of the classes took part in a sponsored event to raise money to purchase CAFOD World Gifts. Each class chose an event and a world gift to raise money for. The children were so enthusiastic and really enjoyed the event. Well done to all of the children for showing that Christmas spirit of giving and thinking of others. The total raised for CAFOD was £758.50.



In Reception, Hedgehog Class have had lots of fun completing their sponsored challenge to raise money for 'A School Starter Pack' and 'Emergency Water' for the charity CAFOD. Their amazing class total is 326 bean bags thrown into the hoops in 30 minutes.

Year 1 completed a Bounce-a -thon - bouncing a ball non-stop for 1 hour. Their brilliant bouncing has enabled them to raise money to buy solar lamps.



Year 2 took part in a sponsored run to raise money to buy a home for life. They completed 10 laps of the playground. They did a fantastic job!



Year 3 worked hard to complete as many football goals in 5 minutes. They scored an amazing 162 goals. They did incredibly well and this enabled them to purchase water for a family.



Year 4 had a lot of fun during their danceathon. They danced for an hour to raise money to buy a home for life. The children were really enthusiastic and tired after their marathon dance session.



Year 6 had a great time at their skipathon. They skipped for an hour and also did some double dutch skipping. A superb effort Year 6!

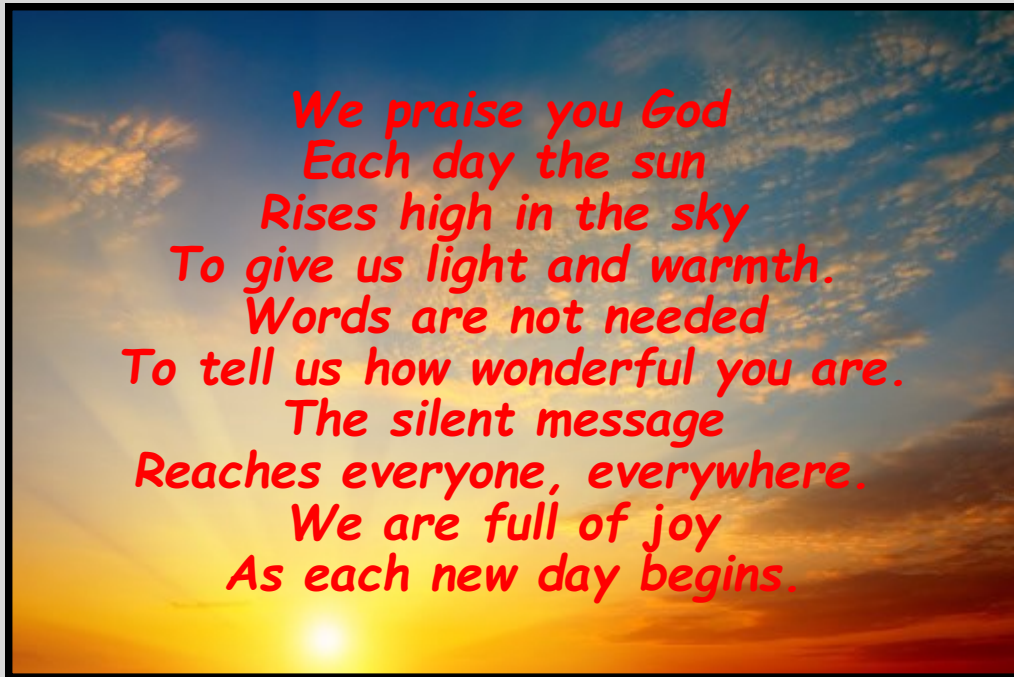


Year 5 took part in a sponsored perimeter walk to raise money to buy a marvellous moo cow. They completed a distance just over 6 km. Amazing!



# YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

This year, Year 2's assembly centred around their recent R.E. topic, 'New Beginnings'. They reminded us of the Creation Story, when God created our beautiful world and gave us examples of new beginnings in their own lives. They also gave thanks for God's many gifts, thanked God individually for something important to them and sang an upbeat song with actions about giving thanks to God.



# ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

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

**Year 6** Charlie, Sophie, Michael, Nathan, Isla, Ari, Lily and Ethan

**Year 5** Liam F, Eva, Lily, Eddie, Braeden, Scarlett, Marta DS and Ben

**Year 4** Jude, Olivia, Noah, Joe, Lizzie, Max, Matteo and Emma

**Year 3** Orla, Victor, Daniella, Joey, Aine, Jemima, Luke and Ariadne

**Year 2** Ava, Dawid, Emily, Orlando, Nolan, Lily, Myla and Quinn

**Year 1** Eleanor, Aarav, Emma, Lucas, Ellie, Mason, Ted and Etieno

**Reception** Jack, Maelie, Ania, Marlow, Sophia, Elliott, Aniela and Myles

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

# SCIENTIST OF THE TERM

Each term, the class teacher nominates a top scientist in their class for that term, 'The Scientist of the term'. It is 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 'The Scientist of the term' is chosen from the nominees and they will receive a special prize. Here is the overall winner and the nominees:

**Reception-** Jack

**Year 1-** Jacob

**Year 2-** Oscar

**Year 3-** Caitlin

**Year 4-** Ralph

**Year 5-** Ellis

**Year 6-** Maya

**Overall Winner:** Ralph

# CHRIS GRAYLING CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We are pleased to announce that two pupils at St Clement's have won the Chris Grayling Christmas card competition. Ashley Lam in Year 6 has been declared the overall winner and winner of the 8-11 category. Adam Wac in Year 3 is the winner of 4-7 category. We are so proud of them both!

Thank you to all of the children who entered the competition this year. **COMPETITION WINNER!** Ashley's design will be reproduced onto the front of Chris' Christmas card and sent out to community groups, public services organisations, local charities and most importantly to Boris Johnson the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet.



*Ashley Lam*

*Winner 8—11*

*Overall winner*

*Adam Wac*

*Winner 4—7*



# ATTENDANCE AWARD



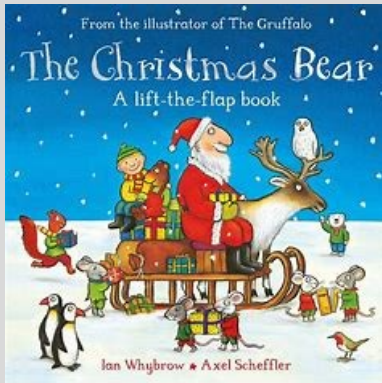
The attendance award this half term has gone to Year 5, Reception and Year 1. They have both received an extra-long playtime.

Year 2 won the best overall attendance this term with 97.4% and received an extra-long play today.



# 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.



**Year 6** Julia  
**Year 5** Frankie  
**Year 4** Amelia  
**Year 3** Isabella  
**Year 2** Imogen  
**Year 1** Emma  
**Reception** Katie



# VALUES AND VIRTUES AWARD

This half term we have spent time as a whole school reflecting on the meaning of the values of kindness and peace. We have thought about how we see these values in action in our lives and in the lives of others. We have also thought about how we can work to encapsulate these values in our lives.

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

**Year 6** Scarlett, Lola, Julia and Nerisha  
**Year 5** Enya, Taylor, Isabella GR and Taylor  
**Year 4** Alex, Joseph B, Clara and Olivia  
**Year 3** Harry CM, Aine, Jemima and Henry  
**Year 2** Caitlin, Elsie, Thomas and Nadia  
**Year 1** Darcie, Mae, Sophia and Freya  
**Reception** Hudson, Erin, Gabriella and Layla

# THE FRIENDS OF ST CLEMENTS

*A huge thank you to the Friends who have worked incredibly hard this term to raise money for the school. The 12 days of Christmas has been a huge success and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the different stalls each afternoon after school. The Friends have raised an amazing total of £4085.*

*I hope that all of our volunteers and reps have a relaxing Christmas with their families.*

# YEAR 6 GO CAROL SINGING

Unfortunately, Year 6 were not able to go to sing at the Ashley Centre this year but that was not going to stop us! The children have been busy singing their little hearts out with Christmas carols and it seemed a pity not to show off their voices. So, on Tuesday this week, the parents were given a Christmas treat at pick up time when Year 6 sang in glorious voice under the beautifully decorated gazebo. They raised money for Epsom Medical Equipment Fund which is what they would have been raising money for at the Ashley centre. We are really proud and grateful that we managed to raise over £90! Thank you parents!





# POPPY APPEAL

The school raised a fantastic total of £345.52 for The Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to all those who donated for their generosity.



# SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



On Christmas jumper day the children raised an amazing £240 for the charity 'Save the children.' It was lovely to see the children in their festive jumpers and hats!

## LUNCH COSTS

The cost of school lunches will remain at **£2.45** per day. The price of school lunches for years 3-6 (KS2) from Tuesday 4th January to Thursday 10th February is **£66.15** payable by ParentMail.

Any changes in the new term from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa requires a week's notice to the School Office.

## APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION 2021/22

A reminder that the application deadline is the 15th January 2022. Please ensure that you complete our supplementary information form which is available on the school website.

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

Our new term begins on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021** and we look forward to seeing the children return refreshed and eager to learn in the New Year.

Finally, I would like to wish all the children and families, from all the staff and governors, a very happy and holy Christmas holiday.

# The Friends of St Clements

would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the  
parents, carers and staff for their incredible  
support!

Stalls

Christmas gift room

Centrepieces

Christmas cards

Personalised  
decorations

You helped us raise an amazing  
**£4,085** this Christmas

Christmas jumper swap shop

Grand Draw

Auction

Santa's message

We would like to wish all  
members of our school  
community a very Merry  
Christmas

