



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10th February 2022

Dear Parents

I really hope that the children enjoyed the 'Dress to Impress' Day today.

Thank you for your continued support this term. It has been a difficult term in terms of attendance due to Covid but the children have shown great resilience and such positive attitudes.

It is half term next week and I think parents, children and staff alike are all looking forward to a well-deserved break. I do hope that you are able to enjoy the week.

Mrs Kelly

Dear God

We thank you for giving us your peace.

Help us to spread peace at home and at school by loving and caring for one another.

Help us to spread peace by sharing our time with those who are lonely and who need a friend.

Help us to spread peace by thinking and praying for children who have no food

or who are frightened and live in fear.

Let us pray every day for peace for our families, our friends and ourselves.

Amen.

SHAKESPEARE THEATRE GROUP

On Monday 24th January, Years 5 and 6 had the fabulous opportunity to watch 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' be brought to life by the Young Shakespeare Company.

The children thoroughly enjoyed watching Puck creating havoc and Bottom proudly marching through the hall with the head of a donkey! This was such a beneficial experience for the children, as not only did they have great fun participating in a Shakespearian comedy, it was also a chance to break down the natural fears and preconceptions that some children have of Shakespeare's plays in preparation for Secondary school.



YEAR 6 CLASS MASS

The Year 6 children celebrated mass on 18th January with Father Graham. The theme was friendship.

The children took an active role in the mass; reading beautifully and bringing offertory gifts that represented the bonds shared within our classroom.

Every child participated with great reverence and thoughtfulness and we were very proud of them. It was a real joy to celebrate mass alongside Father Graham and we are very grateful to him for being part of our Year 6 worship.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

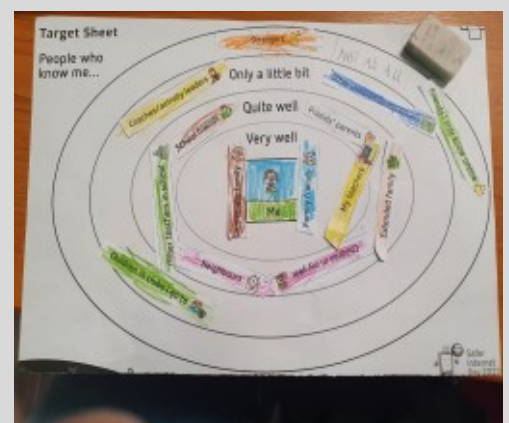
To help celebrate and promote Safer Internet Day on the 08th February, children across the school have been reminded about their responsibilities when it comes to Online Safety. Each class participated in different activities throughout the day. To help foster a positive and safe environment, please can I encourage you to maintain conversations with your children about their online presence as well as supervise their online usage and screen time on mobiles, tablets, gaming consoles and computers.

In Hedgehog Class, they learned all about the Internet and how it is used to find out information, watch films, play games and talk to people on tablets, laptops, computers and phones. They watched a video and a story which taught them who can keep them safe when they use the Internet and they discussed and drew pictures of the people who keep them safe or who they need to talk to if they see something that worries them or should not be there.

Year 1 listened to the story of Buddy the Dog's Internet Safety Story. The story specifically focuses on the safe use of tablets and smartphones. The children learnt Buddy's catchy song and decorated posters reminding them to stay safe online.

After reading 'Digi Duck and the Magical Castle', Year 2 explored what information is safe to be online and what information should be kept private. They discussed who they should trust with their information and placed them on circle of trusts. Finally, they created 'Kinder Internet Spells' to promote kindness online.

KS2 joined the Barclays Code Playground Online Session where they created a fun Safer Internet Day quiz using Scratch. Year 4 also created a 'Recipe for Respectful Relationships Online'.



ST CLEMENTS SPORTING SUCCESS



A special mention must be made about Matthew Van Zyl in Year 6. Week upon week he arrives in school clutching another pile of gold and silver medals from swimming competitions which he regularly participates in.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment that Matthew has shown to his swimming and the fact that he and his sister Annabelle in Year 5 both represented St Clement's in the South East of England regional schools biathlon and amazingly, both qualified for the national event in March in Bath, again representing St Clement's!

Down to hard work, dedication and, no doubt a real talent, Matthew swims at county level and this is no mean feat; he deserves all the success he has had as he trains extremely hard and we are incredibly proud of him. GO MATTHEW!

ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 6 Leo, Tom, Tyla, Henry W, Scarlett and Joseph.

Year 5 Leo, Annabelle, Caleb, Jeanette, Amelie and Max.

Year 4 Brielle, Aaliyah, Ralph, Valentina, Kuba and Clara.

Year 3 Alex, Oliver, Isaac, Malachi, Isabella and Michael.

Year 2 Jude, Daniela, Lily, Jan, Joseph and Caitlin.

Year 1 Dora, Johnny, Boe, Isaac, Freyja and Eloise.

Reception Dominic, Maisey-May, Tristan, Myles, Ferne and Ella.

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.

HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St. Clare

| House | Points |
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| St Benedict | 4615 |
| St Francis | 4644 |
| St Clare | 4984 |
| St Margaret | 4624 |

VALUES AND VIRTUES AWARD

This half term we have spent time as a whole school reflecting on the meaning of the values of truthfulness and forgiveness. 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 Isla, Michael and Henry W.

Year 5 Amy, Liam M and Marta.

Year 4 Emma, Kuba and Xavier.

Year 3 Victor, Jake and Michael.

Year 2 Quinn, Orlando and Dawid.

Year 1 Lucas, Emma and Mason.

Reception Sophia VC, Bethan and Ella.

ATTENDANCE AWARD



The overall attendance award this half term has gone to Year 1. Well done to all the children this term, as it has been a challenging term in terms of Covid-19 and it had had an impact on attendance.

GOODBYE MRS GIORGI

We say goodbye to Mrs Helen Giorgi after 18 years of working at St Clement's.



Mrs Giorgi has been a much valued member of our midday staff and she will be greatly missed by both the children and the staff.



The children were treated to a Valentine's Day biscuit at lunch today. The children enjoyed their special treat which were lovingly prepared and decorated by our catering team.



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 Monday 21st February to Friday 1st April is **£73.50**
payable by ParentMail.

School breaks up today for Half Term and opens again at the usual time on Monday 21st February.

We wish everyone a happy and restful week.



Cave Painting

Thursday 17 February 2022

11am to 12pm and 2pm to 3pm

In the deep time of prehistory early men crawled down into the darkest caves and used light from primitive candles to paint pictures of themselves and the animals they hunted.

They left behind a vivid record of their way of life and some clues of what they believed in. Discover how and why these paintings were created.

Then by flickering light try to create your own cave painting in our very own 'caves'.



Cost £5 per child. There will be 16 children in each session. Places must be booked. If these sessions become full, extra sessions can be held on another day. Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734

Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Herald of Spring - Scarecrow Competition **Saturday 12 March 2022**

Make a “Wombling Free” scarecrow for this year’s event

Our scarecrow competition is back! Local primary schools and youth groups are invited to submit their best creative work “making good use” of pre-loved and recycled materials in a Wombles themed pageant.

Scarecrow criteria:

- Entries must follow the theme of ‘the Wombles’
- Props may be used
- Scarecrows must include some plant material which can be living, fresh or dried, and be made from recycled and sustainable materials as much as possible
- They should be no taller than 1.8m and be able to withstand all weather conditions.

Scarecrows must be brought to Bourne Hall on Wednesday 9 March and will be judged by the Mayor of Epsom & Ewell.

- 1st place - £100 voucher
- 2nd place - £50 voucher



**Further information available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall
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