



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

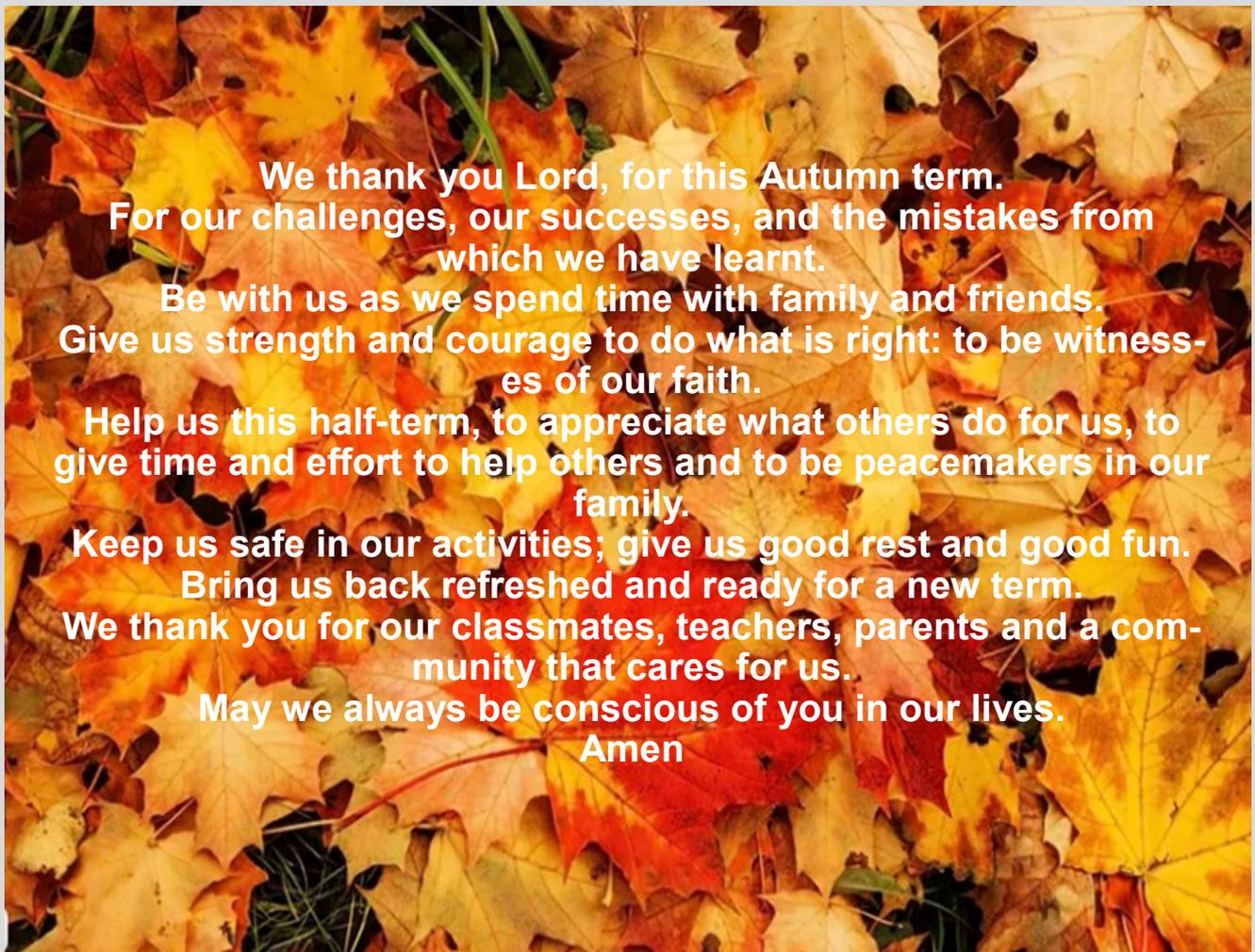
Friday 21st October 2022

It has been a very busy half term in school. The children and staff have worked extremely hard. I am sure that everyone is looking forward to a restful half term.

This term the children in Year 6 have taken up their roles and responsibilities. They have acted as role models for the younger children and are really rising to the challenge of their important positions. The Green Team met with me last Friday and they are going to be forming an eco-committee and carrying out an environmental review of the school. I will update you on their work in the next newsletter.

Year 2 and Year 6 led us through wonderful assemblies this term. It has been fantastic to see parents attend these events. Thank you also for your generous harvest donations. We had a huge response to this appeal and the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank are incredibly grateful for your donations. The supporting of charities and organisations both local and globally is an important part of our school and teaches the children to be considerate to others and caring to anyone in need. After half term, we will once again be supporting the Poppy Appeal and Year 6 will be selling poppies and other merchandise. Year 6 will also be visiting the local veterans' hub in December to sing Christmas Carols as part of our wider commitment to working with local organisations.

On behalf of the staff team and myself, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe half term.



BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS

We gathered to celebrate our first school Mass of the year on Thursday 15th September to welcome the school community back for the start of a new school year. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 led the mass respectfully and prayerfully, along with Father Graham. The children took an active role in the mass; reading beautifully and bringing offertory gifts that represented the many aspects of our school life. Every child participated with great reverence and thoughtfulness and we were very proud of them. We prayed for each other and for our St Clement's School family. We asked God to help us with our learning, our friendships, our sport, our music, our hobbies and with everything that is part of our school. We welcomed new children and staff to our school community. We asked God for His guidance as we try to live out our mission statement so that we grow together in love and learning and strive to be the best that we can be. It was a real joy to celebrate mass alongside Father Graham and we are very grateful to him for celebrating Mass for us.



#HELLOYELLOW 2022



On Monday 10th October, St Clement's red uniform was brightened by flashes of yellow as staff and pupils wore something to support World Mental Health Day 2022. An amazing £198 was raised for the charity Young Minds who do such vital work supporting the mental health of young people and children. The children were engaged in a variety of activities to promote mental wellbeing. These included: treasure and scavenger hunts, sessions of mindfulness, meditation and yoga, craft activities and skills building to develop resilience. Both staff and children benefitted greatly from the day's experiences. Thank you to all who were involved in organising our special day.

Young Minds sent St Clement's a message on the day:

We want to start the day by saying a huge thank you.

Thank you to everyone involved at your school. Not only for taking part in #HelloYellow, but also for playing such an important role in young people's lives. You are their guides, coaches and confidants. For that you are truly amazing, and we couldn't be more grateful. Our team at YoungMinds are right here with you today, wearing yellow and showing young people that how they feel matters.



EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY



This year for European language Day, the children had the opportunity to engage in a variety of fun activities to develop their French language skills and to deepen their understanding of life in France.

In Reception, the children started the day by greeting each other and saying 'Bonjour' to our friends. We practised saying all the colours of the rainbow in French and some children coloured in their own rainbow pictures. We all sang along to the French nursery rhyme 'Frere Jacques'. In the afternoon, we played a French game called petanque. Year 1 created beautiful pieces of art based on the work by Claude Monet and Year 2 explored the art of Henri Matisse, creating their own cut out pictures. In Year 3, the children made a fact file about France, learned about different French speaking countries and watched a story in French. Year 4 looked at life in Paris, learned about the different landmarks and drew the Eiffel Tower. Year 5 brought French into their maths lessons, learning the French names of the shapes that they were exploring. Year 6 enjoyed learning the game petanque. Finally, the whole school learned the French song 'Sur Le Pont d'Avignon' and Years 1 to 5 came together at the end of the day to sing the song and dance in the hall.



FIRE SAFETY

On Tuesday 11th October, Year 5 had an informative and interesting visit from the Surrey Fire Brigade. Abby, who is an experienced member of the service, ran a workshop about fire safety. We were very impressed with how knowledgeable the children were and the great questions they asked. We learnt that the most important piece of your equipment in your home- the fire alarm. The children will be completing a home survey. We also explored fire escape plans and how to prevent fires.

Thank you Abby and the Surrey Fire Service.



Year 2 also met Abbey from Surrey Fire & Rescue Service. They enjoyed a number of activities learning about staying safe and what they should do if they ever encounter a fire. One of the key phrases they learnt was "Matches and lighters are not safe for play, whenever you find them please stay away." They were also introduced to a character called **Floof** who helped them understand what to do if a fire breaks out.



CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION



On Wednesday 12th October, 15 year 5 and 6 children took part in the Epsom and Ewell district cross country competition at Sutton Grammar playing fields. The children were all very excited about taking part and took it very seriously, some even showing great initiative and doing extra running practice over the previous weekend! There was a girls' race first and then a boys' race, both consisting of nearly 90 runners! The total distance was 2k so much stamina was required. We were so proud of all the runners. They showed great perseverance, stamina and resilience and no one gave up. They were all a great support to one another, cheering each other on and encouraging one other as they ran around. Half of our children came in the top half of the field, which was a brilliant achievement. One of the girls showed such skill and determination and finished in a magnificent 1st place. I even think she could have run it again! Congratulations to Annabelle! We were extremely proud of all the children who were fantastic ambassadors for St Clement's - congratulations to them all! A special thank you to all the parents for their support and to Mrs Regan, my co manager.

YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

On Friday 7th October the children in Year 2 explored how new beginnings can sometimes be tricky but we know that God will always be with us. The children retold the Creation story, how God created the earth and everything on it. They also read a morning prayer for the start of each new day that the class had written



BOURNE HALL ART COMPETITION

We were delighted to be able to share some wonderful art work by a number of talented artists from St Clement's last month at the annual Epsom and Ewell Art Festival which was held at Bourne Hall from 19th September – 1st October.

It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the artistic talents of all children across the borough through this exciting exhibition and we were immensely proud of the artwork produced by some of our St Clement's 'Artists in Residence'!

Our work commemorated Queen Elizabeth II and, we think that you'll agree that each piece was a fitting tribute to her memory.

Congratulations to the following children whose work was exhibited:



Penny and Sophia
"Thank you, Queen Elizabeth"



Marlow and Evelyn
"You made us Smile, Your Majesty"



Joseph and Ralph
"A celebration of Queen Elizabeth II"



Ex-Year 6-pupil, Ashley
Queen Elizabeth II in the style of Jackson Pollock



Lily and Raphael
"A close observation of HRH Queen Elizabeth"



Caitlin, Eliana, Isaac and Ekomabasi
"Queen Elizabeth in the style of Julian Opie"

YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY

Today, Year 6 celebrated their Harvest assembly. The children told us that harvest is a time when we thank God for the harvest and for the food he provides for us. A farmer sows the seeds early in the year then many months later, when those seeds have grown into plants, the farmer reaps in his harvest. The bible says that in life, we all reap what we sow. For example, when we meet new people, if we sow seeds of friendship by being friendly, kind and caring, then we'll have lots of friends.

Year 6 told a story of 'The King and the seed', which was about how people lied and cheated to get what they wanted. The moral of the story was that if you sow seeds of honesty, integrity, kindness, goodness, bravery and courage, then eventually you will reap many, many rewards in life, just like William did. But, if you sow seeds of lying, cheating, boasting and arrogance you will only reap trouble for yourself just like Sir Prance-a-lot.

At harvest time, there is lots of food. It is a time to share what we have with those less fortunate than us: the old, the poor, those in other countries. Harvest time is a time to think of others and think about how we can share what we have with them. In life, it is so important that we all learn to share the gifts that we have in our hearts and also the gifts we have brought in. Thank you to everyone for your amazing donations! These will be given to the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank to be shared amongst those who need it the most. Thank you!



Thank you for all of your kind harvest donations that have been donated to the Epsom and Ewell Food bank.

We received over 50 bags of donations which was greatly received by them.

This picture was taken by Mrs Canitrot this morning when she delivered the donations to the food bank.

FANTASTIC FRED



On Thursday 6th October, the Fantastic Fred Experience visited St Clement's. This was a live performance led mental health show for primary aged children. It is specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience, it delivers simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health and explains the link between our physical and mental health. The children learnt that **F.R.E.D** is an acronym for the four practical ways in which children can look after their good mental health:



Children in years 1 - 6 watched this very interactive show and really enjoyed it.

OVER AND ABOVE

On Friday 21st October, Mrs Kelly had afternoon tea with children who had been chosen from each class who have gone 'over and above' this term. They were Felicity, Ferne, Eloise, Myla, Annabelle, Ralph and Enya. During the afternoon they tucked into some cupcakes, chocolate minirolls and a glass of squash. They were delightful company and the conversation around the table was about plans for the half term, what they have enjoyed about school this half term and the clubs that they enjoy attending. Well done to these children. They should be very proud of themselves!



ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 6 Max, Ellie, Marta DS, Isabella GR, Caleb and Max

Year 5 Tom, Valentina, Brielle, Max, Alex, and Clara

Year 4 Harry, Isabella, Jake, Annabelle, Joey and Jemima

Year 3 Orlando, Sophia, Leon, Elsie, Francesca, and Oliver

Year 2 Ted, Sophia, Eleanor, Lucas, Sairah and Eloise

Year 1 Jack, Liliana, Hazel, Raphael, Oliver and Niamh

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.

VALUES AND VIRTUES AWARD

This half term we have spent time as a whole school reflecting on the meaning of the value of Faith and Compassion. 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 Leo, Max and Isabella GR

Year 5 Erin, Imoh and Oliver

Year 4 Orla, Daniella and Annabelle

Year 3 Lily W, Cerys, and Amelie

Year 2 Gabriel, Anton and Darcie

Year 1 Hannah, Oliver and Ella

ATTENDANCE AWARD



The attendance award this half term has gone to Year 3 and Year 6.

Well done!

HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St Francis

House	Points
St Benedict	887
St Francis	949
St Clare	861
St Margaret	902

LUNCH COSTS

The cost of school lunches for years 3, 4 and 6 next half term will be **£91**.

The cost for Year 5 as they have a school trip will be **£88.40** payable via 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.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

From Monday 31st October the children will have the opportunity to purchase poppies and other merchandise from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The appeal will run until Friday 11th November. Please find below the suggested price list.

- Paper Poppies - Minimum donation of 30p
- Fabric Poppy Zip Pulls - Minimum donation of 50p
- Plastic Poppy Keyring - Minimum donation of 50p
- Rubber Poppy Wristband - Minimum donation of 50p
- Rubber Snap Poppy Wristband - Minimum donation of £1
- Metal Poppy Pin Badge - Minimum donation of £1



School breaks up today for the half term and opens again on Monday 31st October 2022.