



# ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th December 2022



Christmas is a special time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus and share his message of love, hope and peace with the world. We have spent some time reflecting in the period of Advent and considering the story from different perspectives. Christmas can be a most wonderful time but it also can be challenging for families and we have encouraged the children to think about others and how they are experiencing Christmas. I hope the children are able to have a very happy and special time this Christmas.

I would like to say thank you to the staff and the pupils for their hard work throughout the term, and indeed the support we receive from parents and carers in making a difference to so many young lives. Finally, on behalf of our school, I would like to wish each of you a very happy and holy Christmas season!

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

Loving father, help us remember the birth of  
Jesus,

May we share in the song of the angels,

The gladness of the shepherds

And the worship of the wise men

Open the door of love all over the world.

May our Christmas season be a time of recon-  
ciliation and peace

May the love of Christ be with us and may  
his peace surround us

May our Christmas be a time of healing, car-  
ing and sharing

Let your spirit be with us as we share in  
Jesus' blessed birth.

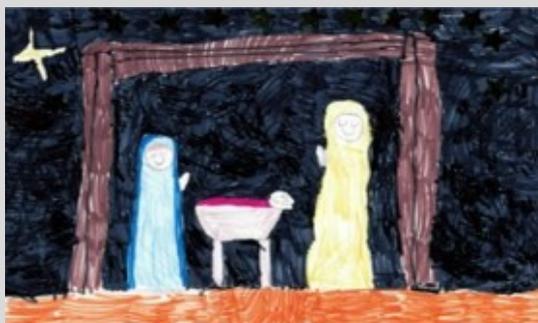
# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December the children sat down to a delicious Christmas lunch with all of the trimmings. A huge thankyou to Miss Bickerstaff, Miss Gilyan and Miss Zaira for cooking such a wonderful Christmas lunch which was enjoyed by all of our pupils and staff. The pupils wore their fabulous Christmas hats which they had made at home.



# CHRIS GRAYLING CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Well done to Sophia in Year 2 who won the Chris Grayling Christmas Card competition. Sophia's design will be reproduced onto the front of Chris' Christmas card and sent out to community groups, public services organisations, local charities and to the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet. Chris visited St Clement's on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December to present Sophia with her trophy.



# WINTERSHALL TRAVELLING CRIB

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November we started Advent by having the Wintershall Travelling Crib visit us. The children experienced the Christmas journey by visiting 5 'stations'. At each station there was a character from the Christmas Story who told their side of what happened at the very first Christmas. The performers were fantastic and really engaged the children with the added bonus of a real-live donkey and sheep. It was a fantastic day and the children were able to verbalise all their learning beautifully afterwards.

The five stations:

Mary, getting ready for the baby



Zachariah and the Angel



The wiseman



The traveller and the donkey



The shepherd and his sheep



Every child was given a purple Pilgrim Bag for their journey through Advent. At each station they were given a token from each of the characters to put in their bags. We used these bags to continue the experience into the classroom asking questions such as what might this part of the story and this character mean to us today or how do you think Mary felt when she saw an angel?

## ST CLEMENT'S DAY

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, we celebrated our special feast day for our patron saint, St Clement. We were delighted that members of our Governing Body were able to join us throughout the day visiting classrooms and sharing lunch with the children. In the afternoon we celebrated with a joyous service of readings, prayers and hymns led by representatives from each class. The children read confidently and clearly and although Father Graham was unable to join us, he kindly organised consecrated hosts to be distributed at the service. We reflected on how St Clement put others before himself and we all thought of ways in which we could emulate his kindness and compassion for others. The children enjoyed the celebration and a wonderful day was had by pupils and staff alike.



# KS2 ADVENT SERVICE

On Tuesday evening, we were delighted to be finally back in the church to celebrate our KS2 Advent Service. All the children had been working extremely hard to learn songs and words over the past few weeks. Year 6 did a magnificent job of leading us in the story of the Nativity with prayers to reinforce the true meaning of Christmas. Year 5 did a beautiful job of acting out the story of the birth of Jesus and all classes sang spectacularly from the heart. We were delighted that the evening was so well attended by our KS2 families and everyone was blown away by the children's dedication and enthusiasm to share this special time of year with everyone. Our final collection was for 'The Children with Cancer UK' charity and we collected the incredible amount of £558! Thank you so much for your generosity.



# VETERANS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT

Year 6 had the opportunity to sing for the veterans at the TA centre in Ewell last week. This was the email we received from the organiser, which we thought we would share with you.

'I wanted to email you to say a big thank you to you and the Year 6 children who participated in last week's Epsom & Ewell Veterans Community Hub Christmas event. The singing, dance movements and artwork were amazing and the veterans absolutely loved seeing the children perform their Christmas songs and they really enjoyed joining in. I cannot tell you how much it meant to our veterans, many of them said that hearing the children sing brought back memories of when they or their children were young and several were moved to tears. Thank you.'

The children loved this and it was a perfect opportunity to share the Christmas spirit with other members of our community. We were so proud of them all!



# KS1 NATIVITY

On the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of December, Key Stage 1 delighted their parents and relatives with their performances of the Nativity play "Miracle in Town!" The children told the story of the birth of Jesus and all of the wonder which that encompasses. The Year 1 children performed brilliantly with great acting, comedy, clear articulate speaking and wonderful singing and dancing. Year 2 got the afternoon off to a festive start with their superb renditions of "Everyone's in the stable" and "Rocking around the Christmas Tree" as well as providing superb musical accompaniment to "Miracle in Town!" using percussion instruments. We were extremely proud of all our children and how well they rose to the occasion in front of their first live audience. 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.



# REMEMBERANCE GARDEN



Year 2 went to Bourne Hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> November to the opening of the Remembrance Garden. The Mayor and pupils from a number of other local schools also attended. The class recited a First World War poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae excellently. They then placed crosses in the Remembrance Garden as a mark of respect to those that had suffered or died in conflict.

# RECEPTION NATIVITY

Mary, Joseph and  
Grumble the Donkey



On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Hedgehog Class performed their very first nativity at St Clement's. It was called 'A Bundle of Joy', and it was a real joy to watch. They had great fun learning all the fantastic songs and actions. The singing and acting was amazing and the children spoke clearly and confidently. Well done to all the Reception children!

The Three Kings and Camels

Angels and Angel Gabriel

Shepherds and Sheep

The Innkeepers and Caesar



# YEAR 5 RETREAT DAY

Tiger class had a relaxing and fulfilling day with Jesus at the centre. We had team games where children relied and trusted their team mates- a favourite was dodgeball. We also had time to reflect and partake in meditative prayer. After lunch we had a real treat; a group from the class planned and conducted their very own liturgy. The Chair of Governors was very impressed. Well done Year 5!



# THE TOWER OF LONDON



Tiger class had an exciting and successful trip to the Tower of London. It linked with our Tudor (history) and literacy topic. We explored the grounds. There were: the magnificent crown jewels; armour and weapons throughout the ages and gruesome torture equipment. In the afternoon, we were lucky to have a tour and interesting talk led by Catherine Parr herself. This was a great day for all.

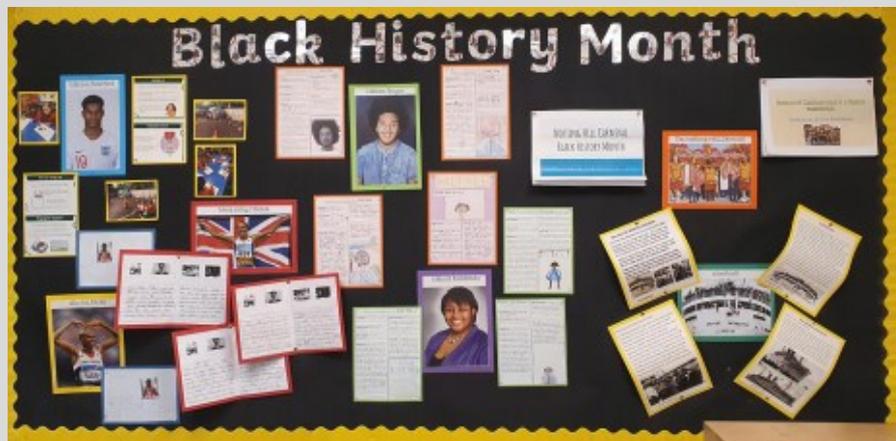
# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

For Key Stage 1 there was a sporting focus, with the children learning more about famous Black British athletes; Marcus Rashford in Reception, Sir Mo Farah in Year 1 and Dame Kelly Holmes in Year 2.

In Year 3 and Year 4, they focused on famous Black authors. In Year 3, they researched and created fact files about the author Nathan Byron. One pupil even messaged the author and got a reply! In Year 4, they explored the life and work of Malorie Blackman and discussed some of her books.

For Year 5 and Year 6 they were given an event in Black History to investigate. In Year 5 they looked at the history behind the Notting Hill Carnival and learnt about its origins and traditions. In Year 6, they learnt about the historical event, Windrush and its importance in British History.

As part of Black History Month, Year 5 learnt in their topic lessons about the Tudors, the only recorded (written and pictorial) black man in the Westminster Court Roll of 1511 in England, John Blanke, who was a trumpeter for King Henry VII and King Henry VIII. They also learnt about a woman called Cattelena of Almondsbury who was an "independent single-woman" (no husband or family) but looked after herself by earning a living most likely by selling milk, butter and cheese from the cow she owned. This information was sourced from the inventories kept at that time in history.



# EGYPTIAN WORKSHOP

On the 15<sup>th</sup> November, the children in Year 4 enjoyed celebrating Ancient Egypt Day. They met Mortimer Wheeler, an Egyptian Archaeologist. Mortimer introduced them to the fascinating history of the Ancient Egyptians including the Pharaohs, the god Rameses, mummification and the famous battles of the day. This knowledgeable archaeologist invited Year 4 to become Egyptian explorers with him, to search for artefacts, to re-create a battle and to act out the roles of the Pharaohs.

The children then learnt that the Ancient Egyptians had gods for everything, from dangers to chores, and each had different responsibilities and needed to be worshipped so that life could be kept in balance.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed what proved to be an amazing day of learning.



# YEAR 3 PREHISTORY WORKSHOP

This half term, Year 3 were treated to a visit by Mortimer Wheeler who came in to school to complete a History Workshop on prehistory. They were transported back in time with a range of artefacts and costumes and reviewed their learning about the Stone Age (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic), Bronze Age and Iron Age. They discussed what an archaeologist was, looked at timelines and even had a go at creating their own version of Stonehenge. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and everyone had a chance to take part even Mrs James! It was a lovely way to consolidate their History topic.



# ANTI BULLYING WEEK

St Clement's took part in The Anti-Bullying Alliance's themed week for 2022: Reach Out. 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 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.



# MACBETH

On Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to watch three wonderful actors from The Young Shakespeare Company perform Shakespeare's mesmerizing story of ambition, guilt and revenge in a fast-moving, fully-costumed interactive production of Macbeth! What a treat it was!

The play was brought vividly to life for the children, at times including the whole audience to create such dramatic scenes as the meeting between Macbeth and the witches, the royal banquet at which Macbeth sees Banquo's ghost and the thrilling battle in which Macbeth comes face to face with his greatest enemy Macduff!

It was wonderful to see all the children being actively involved in the play throughout the performance and being able to explore the motives, thoughts and feelings of the main characters, with some volunteers becoming individual characters in the story!

As always, this was a brilliant opportunity for the children to experience the work of Shakespeare in short, accessible sections. The actors brought each character from Macbeth to life and hopefully, have ignited a spark of interest in every child in Years 5 and 6. All hail Macbeth! All hail St Clement's!



# 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** Daniel Felstead

**Year 1** Tristan Stone

**Year 2** Johnny Ray

**Year 3** Filip Maslowski

**Year 4** Joey Jeeves

**Year 5** Valentina Rodrigues

**Year 6** Sara David

**Overall Winner: Sara David**

# 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** Marta

**Year 5** Joe

**Year 4** Daniella

**Year 3** Francesca

**Year 2** Lucas

**Year 1** Raphael

**Reception** Millie



# 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 Christmas Fayre was a fantastic event and it was wonderful to see so many families past and present at the fayre. The fayre raised a fantastic £4,340.00

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

# ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

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

**Year 6** Jacob, Jeanette, Liam F, Lily, Taylor and Amelie  
**Year 5** Jude, Olivia, Joseph, Erin, Amelia and Christian  
**Year 4** Daniella, Bella, Victoria, Malachi, Deandre and Ekom  
**Year 3** Lily, Amelie, Myla, Jude, Caitlin and Imogen  
**Year 2** Ellie, Emma, Ella-Rose, Joseph, Mae and Zuri  
**Year 1** Bethan, Marlow, Ferne, Hudson, Ania and Tristan

**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 **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** Enya, Scarlett and Lara  
**Year 5** Tom, Frankie and Amelie  
**Year 4** Aine, Ariadne and Chloe  
**Year 3** Thomas, Caitlin and Daniela  
**Year 2** Mason, Freyja and Amaira  
**Year 1** Dominic, Erin and Sophia V-C

# ATTENDANCE AWARD



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

Year 3 are also the overall winners for this term.

Well done!

# HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St Francis

House	Points
St Benedict	2017
St Francis	2190
St Clare	1853
St Margaret	2170

# LUNCH COSTS

The cost of school lunches for KS2 next half term will be **£70.20**

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

# THANK YOU

This half term we have thought about how we can help others. We have supported three charities and we raised a phenomenal amount for each charity. Well done children and thank you to our parents for your generosity!

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – £231.00

Save the children - £346.00

Children with Cancer UK - £558.00

Thank you for all your kind wishes and gifts that the staff have received, they are very much appreciated. Our new term begins on Wednesday 4th January 2023 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.



# Surrey Healthy Schools

At St Clement's we are extremely pleased to have been awarded Healthy Schools Status.

Healthy schools is a whole school approach to keeping children fit and healthy. The award is presented to schools who can demonstrate that they teach the children about;

- Emotional Well-being and Mental Health
- PSHE – Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education
- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity



FRIENDS OF ST CLEMENT'S

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2022

WE MADE £4,340!

A BIG THANK YOU TO  
EVERYONE INVOLVED!!



# NEW BEGINNERS GROUP 2023



**10 week course starting  
Sunday 29th January 8:15am  
at Court Rec, Pound Lane, Epsom**

**REGISTER  
NOW**

We welcome ladies of all abilities looking to start their running journey in a fun & relaxed environment.

Course cost of £40 includes:

- 10 weekly progressive sessions led by 2 qualified run leaders
- Weekly homework and WhatsApp support group
- 1 years club membership
- An introduction to Nonsuch parkrun
- Lots of support from our friendly club members

Spaces are limited, to register your interest please get in touch with Mandy & Nikki at [beginners@epsomallsorts.org.uk](mailto:beginners@epsomallsorts.org.uk)



**SERIOUS  
FUN!**

Role Models

Ages 5 - 7 & 8- 11

# RESILIENCE COURSES

19TH - 22ND DECEMBER, 2022

📍 St. Mary's CofE Primary School, Kingston

Contact: [info@rolemodels.me](mailto:info@rolemodels.me)



Free places available to children  
who receive free school meals



# Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE  
QUESTIONS YOU  
WANT ANSWERS TO

 **03303 530 541**  
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am