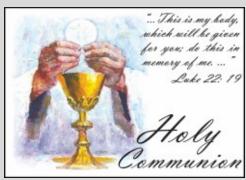


#### ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th May 2023

Congratulations to those children who have received the blessed sacrament of First Holy Communion. I know that some children are celebrating this weekend and in the next few weeks as well. I hope that you mark this special day with the celebration that you deserve. We look forward to sharing in this special occasion with you all next term at the Year 3 and Year 4 assemblies.



As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Pentecost this Sunday, we remember the disciples receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. Let us reflect on the presence of the Holy Spirit in our own lives and ask him to fill us with his graces and gifts as we say this prayer:

Beautiful Lord, may we say "yes" to you so that the Spirit in our hearts will once again be set ablaze.

Spirit of Wisdom, guide our actions so they tell of God's love.

Spirit of Truth, open our eyes to see the world as it really is.

Spirit of Power, enthuse us to work for justice throughout the world.

Spirit of Love, inspire us to respect the dignity of each person.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts.

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Come, Holy Spirit.

Come.





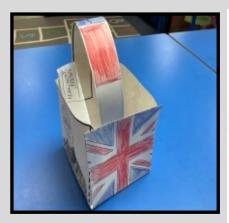






On Friday 5th May, we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III. The children dressed up in red, white and blue and took part in activities in class to mark the occasion. We also had an indoor street party. The children learnt lots of facts about our new King.









## MAY PROCESSION

'Ave Maria, gracia plena

#### Dominus tecum, Benedicta tua'

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, Mary. To mark this, on Tuesday 16th May, we held our first May Procession where we crowned a statue of Our Lady with a garland of flowers. We gathered in the hall to begin with a short prayer service dedicated to Mary our mother. We then processed around our school singing hymns to Mary and placed flowers at the feet of the statue of Our Lady. We then prayed a decade of the rosary. It was a reverent and moving act of worship.

Thank you to parents and pupils for the beautiful flowers you brought in honour of Our Lady. A special thank you goes to Mrs Grzenda-Rodriguez (Isabella Yr 6 and Daniella Yr 4) for making the most beautiful floral garland to crown our Lady.

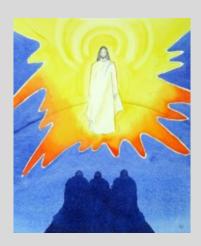






### **ASCENSION MASS**

The Ascension of Our Lord is a Christian feast day that celebrates Jesus' ascension into heaven. It is held on 40 days after Easter and reminds us that although Jesus was leaving his disciples to return to heaven to be with his father, he promised to send the gift of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide them. We gathered, as a school community to celebrate the Mass of the Ascension in the hall on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Children from all year groups took an active role in the mass; reading beautifully and bringing offertory gifts that reminded us of the new life Jesus received on Easter Sunday. It was a very spiritual and moving moment. 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 Deacon Kevin and we are very grateful to them for being part of our worship. It was wonderful to see so many parents join with the school in celebrating this very special Mass.



#### GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 9 girls from years 4,5 and 6 took part in a 7-aside girl's football tournament at Glyn playing fields. The girls were a little nervous but excited at the same time. They played 9 matches all in all in a league format and demonstrated grit and determination throughout, showing such resilience if things weren't going their way. They were very supportive towards each other which encouraged them to play to the best of their abilities. The biggest achievement was watching them all improve from the first game to the last - amazing! They showed great development of ball skills from ball control and dribbling to defending and goal keeping! A big thank you to Glyn for hosting this girl's event and providing the young referees and to the parents who gave their encouragement from the side lines. The girls should be extremely proud of themselves, I know I am.



#### YEAR 4 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 10 children from year 4 took part in a 7-aside football tournament at Glyn playing fields. The children were all very excited and delighted to be taking part. There were 10 schools altogether and the children played in a league format. They played 9 matches in all and played brilliantly as a team. They showed fantastic skills from passing and shooting to tackling and goal keeping. It was so lovely to see how supportive they were of each other. We managed to play all the matches in the dry and just as we were going back to find out the results, the heavens opened! The team came a very well-deserved 2<sup>nd</sup> place after such a brilliant afternoon of football. Thank you to Glyn for organising and to all the parents who gave their support and encouragement from the side lines. There are definitely some budding footballers amongst them. Well played St Clement's!

#### YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 10 children from year 6 took part in a 7-aside football tournament at Glyn playing fields. The weather was glorious and the children were really excited to be playing and having an afternoon out of school! We have been practising a lot in our PE lessons and they were all really enthusiastic about putting their skills to the test. There were 10 schools altogether and as with all the other tournaments, they played a league format. The children played amazingly as a team and encouraged each other, gave advice, supported decisions and listened to each other. They were a credit to St Clement's. They congratulated their opponents at the end of every match demonstrating true sportsmanship - wonderful! The level of skill amongst them was brilliant from incredible ball skills, attacking, defending and space awareness to tremendous goal keeping and fantastic goal scoring! For the year 6s, this was not just showing their brilliant football skills but showing that working as a team has a positive impact on 'everyone'. They won some matches, lost some and drew one and ended up coming a very respectable 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 10 schools. Thank you again to Glyn for the fantastic organisation and to the very supportive parents on the side line. A fantastic afternoon's work - well done Year 6!



### SAYERS CROFT

The Year 5 class had an amazing, adventurous time at Sayers Croft. All the children were courageous and threw themselves into the activities. We had caving, craft building, orientation in the woods with compass work, high ropes and much more. We ended the evenings with reflective prayer at either the bonfire or woods circle. The marshmallows were a big hit! Thank you to all the staff who went, the office staff, and Mrs Price for her superb organisational skills. Well down Year 5!





#### PENTECOST ASSEMBLY



Towards the beginning of the term the year 5 class put on an excellent assembly about Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. There were songs, scripture, inspirational acting and a lot of fun. Thank you to all the parents who came and helped us celebrate the Church's birthday.



### YEAR 5 GREEK WORKSHOP

The Year 5 historians were very lucky to have Mortimer Wheeler from Crew Theatre in to give us a fascinating workshop about Ancient Greece. We learnt about spectacular myths, the Greek Gods, the Trojan horse and much more. The children were enthralled and took part with acting and trying on artefacts. The workshop ended with the children creating a Spartan shield wall.







#### YEAR 4 VIKING WORKSHOP

Year 4 enjoyed a Vikings Workshop with archaeologist Mortimer Wheeler. The children engaged in looking at artefacts, role playing traditional Viking families and village life and recreating Viking warrior battle scenes. The History topic this term was certainly brought to life and the children loved it!



#### CHERTSEY MUSEUM TRIP

As part of their History topic on the Ancient Romans, Year 3 visited Chertsey Museum. They went back in time; wearing Roman tunics, exploring Roman artefacts and learning more about Roman Gods and Goddesses, Roman writing and Roman baths. They also got to make their own Roman tablets and clay pots and enjoyed a Roman lunch in the garden. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and consolidated and learnt more about the amazing Ancient Romans.







#### SUSTAINABILITY LESSON

Year 3 and Year 4 were treated to a special, informative lesson by one of our St Clement's parents, Mrs Christie. She talked to the children about sustainability and they learnt about the 17 sustainability development goals from the United Nations. They thought about what they would do if they were in charge of the world, making some thoughtful, creative suggestions and thought about what we can do for the future of the world.



#### WORLD DAILY MILE



St Clement's took part in the first
ever World Daily Mile Day on Thursday
27<sup>th</sup> April and were excited to be part of this global
celebration. Thousands of schools and early years
settings from around the world did their Daily Mile
all on the same day to celebrate all the positive
benefits that physical activity has on children's
health.









#### **ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

The school very much enjoyed watching a pantomime of Alice in Wonderland. The children were laughing and singing along to the very entertaining production company's adaptation. Year 5 then took part in a workshop with the production company.





#### **OSMINGTON BAY**

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, the children of Year 6 went on their residential trip to Osmington Bay. They were really excited and so looking forward to their trip after such a busy time with their SATs!! The weather was absolutely glorious and the children had the time of their lives. They had such a range of activities to take part in from trapeze, giant swing, zip wire and abseiling to problem solving, aero ball and even a beach walk. We also had a whole morning of dragon boating off-site at the Olympic water park in Weymouth, where we learned how to paddle really fast and in sync to race the dragon boats across the bay. What a treat!

The evenings were jam packed with activities involving them running around the site looking for clues to solve, capturing the flag and a huge game of archery tag, where they all became very skilled with a bow and arrow - don't worry the arrow was like a giant marshmallow!

They learned so much from: putting safety harnesses on quickly; working as a team; being patient and encouraging of others; and pushing themselves out of their comfort zone. They all gained confidence in themselves and learned so many life skills that will give them a fantastic head start when they go off to secondary school.

All the children had a brilliant time, eating really well and sleeping soundly in their mostly 'very tidy' rooms!

A huge thank you to Mrs Regan and Mrs Dunne for their fantastic support during a wonderful week! Year 6, we are so, so proud of each and every one of you; you were an absolute joy to take away!

Thank you.









#### **ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS**

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

Year 6 Annabelle, Lara, Raphael, Scarlett and all of Year 6

Year 5 All of Year 5, Imoh, Xavier, Sylvie, and Amelia

Year 4 Henry, Alex, Oliver, Lucie, Caitlin, and Isaac

Year 3 Thomas, Nolan, Cassius, Nadia, Dawid, and Godric

Year 2 Gabriel, Jagoda, Penny, Jacob, Johnny and Amaira

Year 1 Aniela, Jack, Mia, Austin, Erin and Liliana

Reception: Alessandra, Leon, Bella, Thalia, Lia and Leon

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 Hope and Courage. 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 Amy and Drew

Year 5 Xavier, Max and Joseph B

Year 4 Victor, Jemima and Harry C-M

Year 3 Oscar, Hanna and Emily

Year 2 Mae and Jagoda

Year 1 Ania, Hudson and Hannah

Reception Lyra, Martina and Kiera

#### ATTENDANCE AWARD



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

Well done!

## **HOUSE POINTS**

#### This half term the winners are St Benedict

House	Points
St Benedict	4416
St Francis	4164
St Clare	4415
St Margaret	4133

## **LUNCH COSTS**

The cost of school lunches for the next half term is £91.80 for Year 3 & 5 and £89.10 for Year 4 & 6.

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

School breaks up today for the May half term and opens again at the usual time on Monday 5th June 2023.

# IMPORTANT DATES SUMMER TERM 2023

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
Friday 26th May	All	End of term at 3.15p.m.
Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June	All	May Half term
Monday 5th June	All	School reopens
Thursday 8th June	Y1 & Y2	Class trip to Kew Gardens
Friday 9th June	R, Y1, Y2 & Y3	Cat Protection workshops
Monday 12th June—Friday 16th June	All	Healthy Eating Week
Tuesday 13th June	Y6	Deanery Day at St Peter's.
Wednesday 14th June	All Y5	CAFOD Assembly Primary Music Festival Concert at Dorking Halls
Friday 16th June	Y1	Class assembly at 9.10 a.m. —parents invited
Tuesday 20th June	All	Sports Day—Old Schools Lane Field Parents invited & picnic lunch
Wednesday 21st June	Y4 - Y6	'Show racism the red card' workshops
Thursday 22nd June	TBC	Good Shepherd celebration - Arundel Cathedral
Friday 23rd June	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Wednesday 28th June	Y3	Holy Communion Assembly—parents invited. Time to be confirmed
Thursday 29th June	All	The Feast of St Peter and St Paul Mass at 2.15pm
Friday 30th June	Y4 R- Y6	Holy communion class assembly at 9.10 a.m— parents invited  Ned's mindset mission show at 2p.m.
Monday 3rd—Friday 7th July	New Reception	Storytime sessions outside at 2p.m.

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DATE	YEAR	EVENT
Monday 3rd July	All	Visit from 'The Passage' charity to talk about homelessness.
Wednesday 5th July		Piano assembly at 9.10a.m. for pupils learning piano at school - parents of piano pupils invited
Thursday 6th July	Y4, Y5 & Y6	District sports - field events
Friday 7th July	All	School reports sent home
Friday 7th July	R	Class assembly at 9.10 a.m. —parents invited
Friday 7th July	Y4	Geography trip to Painshill Park
Saturday 8th July	All	Summer Fayre 12– 3p.m.
Madagaday 43th July	All	Move up morning
Wednesday 12th July	Y6	Leavers Production at 2p.m.—parents invited
Thursday 13th July	Y4, Y5 & Y6	District sports- track events 9a.m.—1p.m.
	Y6	Leavers Production at 7p.m.—parents invited
Tuesday 11th and Friday 14th July	New Reception	Stay and Play 1.45p.m2.45p.m.  New parents' meeting in hall —2p.m.
Tuesday 18th July	Y6	Year 6 Leavers Mass at 7p.m parents invited
Thursday 20th July	Y6	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15 a.m.—parents invited Year 6 shirt signing
Friday 21st July	All	End of Summer term at 1.30p.m.
Friday 1st September and Monday 4th September	All	INSET Day—school is closed for all pupils
Tuesday 5th September	All	School reopens for all pupils







#### OPEN EVENING Thursday 6 July 2023

- Welcome talks at 5pm,
   5.45pm & 6.30pm
- Booking is not required
- Limited car parking will be available on-site



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