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The  
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R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

## **THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR HARVEST MASS!**

On behalf of all the staff and the SVP Society in the Parish, I would like to thank all parents for your donations of food presented on the altar at our Harvest Mass this year. The SVP will now distribute the food to the needy of our Parish and this will be very gratefully received. Thank you very much and may the Lord bless you for your generosity.

## **GRANDPARENTS ASSEMBLY A HUGE SUCCESS AGAIN!**

Thank you to all our wonderful grandparents who joined us in the hall on the afternoon of Thursday October 4th for a special celebration of afternoon tea, music, poetry and prayer. We managed to squeeze in, cater for, and entertain 115 of you. We hope you all enjoyed the experience. I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to Caragh Chillistone and her amazing PA colleagues for making the catering arrangements run incredibly efficiently...and offering such tasty treats—you are all superstars!

## **VERY IMPORTANT—PLEASE SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Throughout **November & December**, **Tesco blue tokens** can be used to support our community garden project. Please ask all your family and friends to put their tokens in the Holy Family slot when shopping in Tesco stores—we could win £4,000 if we get the most tokens. Also, a reminder to please vote for us in the **Aviva Community Fund**. **Every parent can add 10 votes to our cause for every email address you have so we really can make a difference if everyone votes. Please also encourage family & friends to sign up and support us...it only takes a couple of minutes, it's completely free but could be worth £15,000 to our project.** <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/campaign/getinvolved>

## **THANK YOU FROM MRS FULLER**

Mrs Fuller was overwhelmed by the kindness and warmth shown to her on her retirement. She would like to say a huge thank you to all children and parents for your best wishes and the very generous gift she received.

## **A VERY WARM WELCOME...**

To Hannah Clark and Janice Troll who are joining the staff team to support the learning & teaching across the school. Mrs Clark has already taken up her post and Mrs Troll will join the staff team on December 4th. We hope they will enjoy many happy and rewarding years working at Holy Family. We were very fortunate to have a very strong field of applicants for this vacancy and would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all those who applied for the post.

## **NOVEMBER, MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE**

2018 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 and we will be marking this significant occasion in several different ways in school. Our main corridor is being transformed into a remembrance display. On Thursday 8th November we will transform The Space into a poppy factory and all children will be making a commemorative poppy. On Friday 9th we will hold a special remembrance assembly and The Space will be open all day for each class to visit to spend some time in contemplative reflection. We have also ordered a special 'silent soldier' statue which will eventually find a home in our community garden. We are also supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal and these will be in sale throughout the week beginning Monday 5th November.

## **PANATHLON TEAM TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL FINAL AT COPPERBOX ARENA**

On Wednesday 21st November, Miss Quinn & Miss Hunter will accompany our panathlon team to the Copperbox Arena at London's Olympic Park to take part in the national final. This is an incredible opportunity for our children...not many get to compete in a national final at any stage of their school lives so the excitement is building rapidly. We wish our team the best of luck on the day.

## **RECEPTION WELCOME ASSEMBLY**

...will take place on Friday November 16th at 9.15am. All Reception parents are very welcome to join us for what is sure to be a fantastic occasion.

Please visit the school's website at: [www.holy-family.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.holy-family.surrey.sch.uk)  
Along with the schoolcomms, notice board and newsletter, it is the School's way of keeping parents up to date with events going on in and around our School.

**FOOTBALL RESULTS FROM OCTOBER**—Our football teams have kicked off the season with some really competitive games but have played very well to date. Results from October:

v Cobham Free School—Under 11 lost 1-4, Under 10 won 2-1

V Sayes Court—Under 11 won 7-2

**YEAR 6 JUNIOR CITIZEN TRIP**—On Thursday 15th November, Year 6 will travel to Thorpe Park to take part in the Junior Citizen training.

**FLU JABS FOR RECEPTION—YEAR 5...**will take place in school on Thursday 22nd November.

**INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS...** will be taken by the Tempest photographer on Tuesday 13th November. This year we have gone for a slightly different background which we hope will bring a more contemporary touch to the photograph.

**PA CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING**—will be held in the school hall from 7pm on Thursday 8th November. Please come along to this great event, support the PA and pick up some original Christmas gifts for your family. Tickets are only £2. Please speak to your class reps for more information.

### **PA CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND AND MUFTI DAY**

The Christmas Wonderland will take place in the school hall on Saturday 24th November. On **Friday 23rd November** there will be a Mufti Day in support of the Wonderland. KS2 children are requested to provide a bottle for the tombola whilst KS1 children are asked to bring chocolates/biscuits for the sweets tombola. Please can we request that all donations are within their use-by date. Thank you.

**YEAR 3 MINI-OLYMPICS EVENT**—this will be held at Cleves School in Weybridge on Friday 23rd November from 1.00—3.00pm. All our Year 3 children will take part, fully enhancing our 'sport for all' approach in school. Children will be accompanied by Miss Hunter and Mrs Cassin.

### **MARY'S MEALS CHARITY SUPPORT**

This year during Advent, we will once again be supporting Mary's Meals, a charity that provides hot meals and school equipment for the poorest of children in Africa, South America and Asia. As with last year, we will be donating backpacks full of school equipment together with collections at our nativity plays and the Advent Carol service. More details will be sent out soon

### **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY IN SUPPORT OF SAVE THE CHILDREN**



**On Friday 14th December** we are once again asking all children and staff to come to school in a Christmas jumper in support of the Save The Children charity. Your jumper can be home made (ie an ordinary jumper decorated in a Christmassy way) or a patterned Christmas theme jumper from one of the many stores currently selling them. You may also top off your style with appropriate headwear such as sparkling antlers, Santa hat or tinsel scrunchies etc. Above is a picture of a dog getting ready for Xmas jumper day.

### **PLEASE DON'T FORGET...**

**...that school will be closed on Monday 3rd December for staff training along with our colleagues within the Xavier Catholic Education Trust. If you want further information about the multi-academy trust, please look on the website [www.xaviercet.org.uk](http://www.xaviercet.org.uk)**

**NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER...** Will be published on Friday 30th November