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The Holy Family
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 have now distributed 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 3rd for a special celebration of afternoon tea, music, art, 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 Julia Bailey and her amazing PA colleagues for making the catering arrangements run incredibly efficiently...and offering such tasty treats—you are all superstars and the epitome of everything that is fabulous about our school community!

EUROPEAN WEEK IN THE CAFÉ

This week we have been celebrating all our European families within the Holy Family and have enjoyed some wonderful (and very tasty) learning experiences. Our thanks go to Mr Gencarelli (Year 5) for making croissants for the café and apple tarts with Year 5 on Monday, Mrs Griffiths for making Slovakian savouries with Year 2 on Monday and Mrs Cowgill (and mum) for their Italian feast with Year 1 on Thursday. If you haven't made it in to the café this week, please try to pop in today as it's Belgian Waffles Day! Our forthcoming special events in the café are: St Andrew/Scotland (Nov 25–29) and Christmas treats from Dec 9–13. The café is open every day serving hot & cold drinks and snacks. Please come along, buy a drink and make sure you get your loyalty card! Our continuing thanks go to the amazing parent volunteers who are running the café—without you, none of this would be possible.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

During November we will be marking this significant occasion in several different ways in school. Our main corridor is being transformed into a remembrance display. Once again this year, we will transform The Space into a poppy factory and all children will be making a commemorative poppy. On Monday 11th we will hold a special remembrance assembly at 11am and The Space will be open all day for each class to visit to spend some time in contemplative reflection. Our very special 'silent soldier' statue has now been relocated to his new 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 4th & 11th November.

RECEPTION WELCOME ASSEMBLY

...will take place on Wednesday November 20th at 9.15am. All Reception parents are very welcome to join us for what is sure to be a beautiful occasion.

FOOTBALL PITCH OUT OF ACTION

The football pitch will be out of bounds for 3 weeks beginning on Monday 4th November as we will be having the all-weather circular track and the long jump pit installed. This work will be carried out by Nomow and is a result of the successful bid made by the school to the London Marathon Charitable Trust. Unfortunately this means that there will be no football club or home fixtures during this period.

YEAR 5 VISIT THE PLANETARIUM AT WINSTON CHURCHILL SCHOOL

On Thursday 24th October, Year 5 visited this brand new facility at Winston Churchill School in Woking. The free trip was a result of a successful bid put forward by Mrs Clay. The feedback from the trip was extremely positive...Year 5 enjoyed a fabulous and educational morning.

MEET THE GOVERNORS EVENING

Thank you to the 35 parents who attended this meeting on Tuesday 15th October. We hope you found it informative and helpful. Please do read the first edition of the Governors half-termly newsletter which is attached as this provides a useful summary of the some of the information shared at the meeting.

Please visit the school's website at: 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 Stepgates —Under 11 drew 4-4, Under 10 won 3-1

YEAR 6 WORLD WAR II EVACUEE DAY...

...this year will be an extravaganza of learning experiences for the children as we have planned something very special on the school site. We do not wish to give away too many secrets but it should be a wonderful, authentic day for all. **The date is Friday 15th November.** The café will be transformed into a 1940's theme and we will have some special visitors on site all day. On behalf of all the children and staff, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Alex Hall (dad of Bella in Reception) for organising the day with us and to Patrick McGovern for providing the transport to get one of our special exhibits on site. If you are around on Friday 15th November, keep your eyes peeled!

PA CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING—will be held in the school hall from 7pm on Thursday 7th 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 in advance or £3 on the door. 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 23rd November. On **Friday 22nd 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.

E-SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

We are delighted to announce that on **Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm** we will be hosting an e-safety workshop presentation for parents, run by Sharon Girling. Sharon was a police officer for 30 years and was actively involved in CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command). She has incredible knowledge about online safety so please make a note of the date. More information will be sent out after half term

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 13th 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 2nd 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

NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER... Will be published on Friday 29th November