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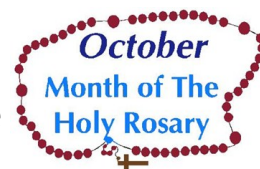
Dear Parents

Another busy and enjoyable week has passed in the school – Year 6 children were out at Painshill Park on Monday and I have been out and about in the classes seeing more evidence of the **outstanding learning** taking place. In Year 1, children had fun exploring “greater than and less than” with towers of Lego and were able to tell me that 93 was greater than 74. Meanwhile, at the other end of the school, Year 6 were investigating the Fibonacci Sequence and applying that learning to the natural world. It is wonderful to see the skill and professionalism of our teaching staff as they guide the children’s natural curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

My “**Suggestions Box**” has been well used by the children to give their ideas for how to improve our school and we are beginning to act on some of the many suggestions received from them. More skipping ropes have been bought for the children to use at playtimes and there are plans to canvass the children’s ideas for school dinner menus. Other suggestions – such as banning homework and having chocolate for all school dinners – we have decided against at the moment!

Many thanks for the responses to the **parent questionnaire** which have been received so far – these are overwhelmingly positive and many of you have included thoughtful suggestions for the future too. If you have not yet had chance to respond, we have extended the deadline for a further week to ensure all parents have the chance to make their views heard. Even if you only want to agree (or disagree!) with everything on the questionnaire, without making further suggestions, it would be valuable to have as high a participation rate as possible.

As you know, October is the **month of the rosary** and Catholics are encouraged to say the prayers of the rosary daily during the month of October. We have been fortunate to receive some children’s rosary beads from the Catenian Rosary Society and we will be teaching the children how to use these in assemblies and class prayer times during October. Most especially, we would like the children to join in the international prayer of the rosary for the centenary of Our Lady of Fatima which takes place in October this year – more information about this next time. The Parent Prayer Group will also focus on the rosary this month, so why not come along on Thursday morning (9am – 9:20am) to join us? You are all most welcome! Finally, please be aware that **Class Masses** have returned to Cardinal Newman School! The first will be held today at 2:30pm with Year 5 Emerald Class and parents from this class have been invited. The other Class Masses for this term will be Sapphire Class (Y5) on 13th October and Garnet Class (Y6) on 17th November. We look forward to welcoming you into school for these special occasions. Our next school Mass will be on **Cardinal Newman’s Feast Day** (Monday 9th October at 10.30am) for KS2 and all parents are warmly invited to join us in the school hall.



All best wishes

Catherine Burnham

School Value for October: Co-operation

Assembly Focus this week: St Teresa of Lisieux – The Little Way

INSET DAY—FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

Don't forget the school is closed next Friday for a staff training day.

CARDINAL NEWMAN FEAST DAY—MONDAY 9 OCTOBER

We are celebrating the school's Feast Day with Mass at 10.00am in the school hall for KS2 children and we invite parents to join us. In the afternoon children in Years 1 to 6 will enjoy a theatre company production of "The Greatest Fairytale Ever Told".

WALTON AND HERSHAM FOODBANK COLLECTION—WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER

We are also marking Cardinal Newman Feast Day with a collection on behalf of the Walton and Hersham Food Bank. A list of the foods they are looking for at the moment is attached.

We are asking that you bring in your donations on **Wednesday 11 October only**—we have limited storage space and will be taking the food to the Hersham drop off point on Wednesday morning. You can find out more about the work of the Foodbank at <https://waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk>. Thank you.

RECEPTION NEWS

Please can we ask Reception children to wear their winter uniform on Tuesday 3 October for their **Surrey Advertiser photograph**.

Parents are invited to the **Reception Welcome Assembly** on Wednesday 4 October at 9.00am.

BOOK FAIR—MONDAY 9 TO WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER

We invite everyone to join us at our upcoming Book Fair. A wide selection of books will be available to browse and buy in Yellow Class after school until 3.45pm each day. Please note that payment must be made on the day by cash or cheque, we are not able to save books for payment later. The school earns books worth 50% of everything you buy, which is a great boost to our selection of reading and library books.

YEAR 6 AT PAINSHILL

Photos of Monday's trip are on the website.

CAR PARK

Some parents are continuing to park in the school car park at drop off and pick up times.

Please can we remind all parents that this car park is for staff and visitors only.

We have also had a complaint about parents parking in the private car park of Colne Lodge in Colne Drive. A parent has also been abusive to one of the residents. Please can we ask again that parents park with consideration and respect for our neighbours.

REQUESTS Reception classes would be very grateful for any donations of school socks for children to change into during the day.

KS1 are looking for pairs of tweezers. Thank you.

ST ERCONWALD'S SINGERS are leading Mass at 9.15am this Sunday, 1 October. Children who are attending Mass are very welcome to join them—please pop along when you arrive.

EFFORT AWARDS

Red	Aiofe G	Joseph O	Ruby	Samuel R	Alice M
Orange	Freddie P	Harvey R	Coral	Charlie N	Arianna R
Green	Charlie M	Sofia K	Opal	Dominic P	Thomas D
Yellow	Frankie B	Harry B	Sapphire	Beth D	Mackenzie R
Violet	Peter Z	Harry E	Emerald	Antonio S	Nerissa H
Blue	Sam C	Sophie A	Amethyst	Dominic H	Julia R
Topaz	John O	Emily M	Garnet	Joshua B	Ruby P