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Newsletter

Dear Parents

On Monday we celebrated the Feast of Blessed John Henry Newman with a KS1 Liturgy and Mass for KS2. Some parents were able to join us for this special celebration and we were delighted to be able to welcome them to celebrate our feast day with us. Father Bill told us about the Oratorians – the group of priests founded by Cardinal Newman – who worked with the poorest people in the slums of 19th century Birmingham, and later in London, Manchester and Liverpool. We were reminded of our mission to help those in need of support in our own society and the children's donations to the local foodbank were a visual reminder of our efforts to fulfil this mission. The foodbank was extremely grateful for the generosity of our families and we are delighted to be able to support them in this way.

As you will see, elsewhere in the newsletter, we are once again supporting Operation Christmas Child with shoeboxes of goodies for those in need overseas. Further details will be shared with the children in assembly and specifics will be sent out before half-term. It is often a nice half-term project to involve your children in preparing a box for a child who doesn't have as much as they do. As explained last time, all of our children at Cardinal Newman will gather together in the hall on Wednesday 18th October to join with a million children across the world in praying the rosary. This prayer is an opportunity to mark the centenary of the Apparitions in Fatima, Portugal from 1915 – 1917. These apparitions were witnessed first by three shepherd children – Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta – and finally by more than 70,000 people. Like John Henry Newman, all three children have been canonised by the church and Blessed Lucia, the main witness, is expected to one day be recognised as a saint. You can read all about it here:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/about.html#Angel>

We are looking forward to seeing Y1 – Y5 parents this week at Parents' Evenings and to reporting on how your child has settled in their new year group. Please remember that appointments are ten minutes long and that you are welcome to make a further appointment if there is something specific which needs to be addressed at a later time. Mrs Evans, our SENCO, is also available for appointments or consultation about specific learning needs and Mr Flower and I will be available if you would like to talk to us about anything at all! We look forward to seeing you then.

All best wishes

Catherine Burnham

School Value for October: Co-operation, Assembly Focus this week: Rosary

EFFORT AWARDS

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| Red | Annabel R | Joshua M | Ruby | Thomas S | Jasmine P |
| Orange | Alfie R | Tilly W | Coral | Aela M | Jack K |
| Green | Ciara F | Keiron L | Opal | Isla B | Lilly M |
| Yellow | Finn A | Rhys J | Sapphire | Valentina C | Emily N |
| Violet | Henry S | Julietta L | Emerald | Cristina A | Eva C |
| Blue | Harry M | Ciaran C | Amethyst | Sean J | Isabelle W |
| Topaz | Paul B | Daisy P | Garnet | Lucas O | Oscar B |

SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK—16 TO 20 OCTOBER INCLUSIVE

Due to Parent Consultation Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday next week the following teacher-led clubs will not be running:

Book Club, Art Club, Environmental/Forest Schools (Monday), Recorders, Fun Maths, Cooking, Football, Computing (Tuesday), All Saints + St Erconwald Singers, Recorders (Wednesday), Come and Make, Netball (Thursday) and Top of the Form (Friday).

The following will continue as normal—Choir (Tuesday), Multisports, Orchestra, (Wednesday), Orchestra, Cross Country (Thursday).

Spanish Club is also cancelled next week. All other clubs run by outside providers will be going ahead. Thank you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL Thank you to everyone for the kind donations to the Walton and Hersham Foodbank which provided a lovely backdrop to our Reception and KS1 Liturgy and KS2 Mass on Monday. They have now been delivered to the foodbank.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this week. It raised an amazing £1201, which earns the school £600 worth of books!

WASTEBUSTERS - CARDINAL NEWMAN WINNERS!

We were delighted to hear this week that we are one of the top one hundred schools with the highest percentage of pupils taking part in the national Home Recycling Challenge! We have won a special Busta mascot made from 5 plastic recycled bottles which we hope to be able to show you very soon. Thank you to everyone who took part (you may remember it from the summer term)—find out more from the link on our website.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD—SHOEBOX COLLECTION 13 + 14 NOVEMBER

We are taking part in this again this year, please look for more information next week.

VACANCIES AT ST ERCONWALD'S PARISH

St Erconwald's parish has the following two paid vacancies:

Cleaner and cook including preparation of lunches for Fr John and providing housekeeping services to the parish. Four mornings per week, to start as soon as possible.

Someone to work in the office to undertake administrative and coordinating duties. This would suit someone who can demonstrate strong administration and communication skills. They must be able to manage themselves and work with volunteers. Hours by agreement (primarily mornings).

Both roles require absolute discretion and are initially for a fixed 12 month contract. Please contact Chairman@sterconwalds.org.uk to apply. The closing date is 29 October.

VACANCY AT DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

Please find attached a flyer with information from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton about their vacancy for a part-time secretary.

HURLING TASTER SESSION—SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2PM TO 4PM

Please look on the website for more about tomorrow's hurling taster session being held at London Irish Rugby ground in Sunbury, open to ages 6 and up (including adults).

MACMILLAN LOOM BAND SALE—FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER – Final chance to buy from Aoife and Liberty! About £65 raised last time – let's see whether we can reach £100!

PA NEWS: MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER

The Movie Night flyer was sent yesterday. Please return your slip in an envelope to the box outside the school office. ***Please note that the school office is unable to provide envelopes or change.*** Thank you.