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Newsletter

Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Y1 – Y5 Parents' Evenings this week. I spoke to many smiley parents and children who said they had heard positive reports about their progress and attainment this half-term. Certainly the children's books are testament to their hard work and achievements this half-term and I have thanked the staff for their continuing commitment to the children's development, both within and beyond the classroom. YR, Y1 Yellow and Y6 Parents' Evenings will follow in the second week of next half-term and I look forward to seeing you then.

Those of you who have attended Parents' Evenings this week may have met some of our School Governors who were promoting the Governor Fund. As a Catholic school, we have traditionally been "voluntary aided" meaning that 10% of our funding is expected to come from parental donations. In the past, the governors have funded essential school projects such as a new boiler and new laptops for the children. Their current project is to raise money towards a school minibus to support both extra-curricular trips and class visits to the local area. If every family contributed £5/month, we could afford a school minibus within two years – some families have agreed to contribute more, so it could be even quicker! Our Parents' Association are also considering helping to fund this project, which, if agreed, would again speed up the purchase. If you don't already support the Governor Fund and would like to, there are forms available at the school office or sent electronically with this newsletter. Thank you for supporting their efforts on our children's behalf.

On Wednesday this week, our whole school came together to pray the rosary to mark the Fatima centenary. KS1 participated well in the first decade, using hand signs to pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. Y6 stayed the distance with all five decades, reflecting on the request from Our Lady to pray the rosary for peace in our world. It was inspiring to see our young children praying so intently for peace in our world and it is a hopeful thought that there were more than a million other children around the world, in many different countries and cultures, praying for the same intention. Let us dare to hope that our children's prayers will be a positive step for peace in the future.

This will be the last newsletter for this half-term. For some (including me!) it will have been their first seven weeks at Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School. For others, it will be their last September/October at primary school and many of our Y6 children have been out visiting Salesian and other local secondary schools, in preparation for moving on in the summer. For all of our children, it has been a half-term for new classes, new routines and lots of exciting new learning. Seven weeks on and we have reached a well-earned rest! As we begin the half-term, I wish you and your families a very happy and relaxing break and we look forward to seeing the children return refreshed from their half term adventures and ready to learn anew!

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind blow always at your back,
May the sun shine forth upon your face,
the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
(Irish Blessing)



School Value for October: Co-operation

Assembly Focus this week: Rosary

HALF TERM We break up for half term at 3.20pm today and return on Monday 30 October.

WINTER UNIFORM AFTER HALF TERM Children should be wearing winter uniform after the half term break. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER will be here on Tuesday 31 October.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD We have sent home information about how you can take part in the shoebox collection for Operation Christmas Child this year (there are leaflets outside the office). Please remember to bring your boxes on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 November only. Boxes will be collected on 14 November.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS—RECEPTION, YEAR 6, YELLOW CLASS

The online booking for Reception, Year 6 and the rearranged Yellow Class Parent Consultations is now live. Please ask at the office if you have a query with your Scopay account.

RECEPTION NEWS—The Reception page on the website has some photos from Wednesday's Autumn Walk and a message from the Reception team about what the children have done so far this term and what to look forward to when we return.

ELMBRIDGE LITERARY COMPETITION 2017

We are delighted that the following Cardinal Newman pupils have been successful in the annual Elmbridge Literary Competition run by RC Sherriff Trust. Children wrote stories or poems on the theme of Luck. Our winners are:

Age 5 to 7	Emma N (Violet)	1st (story)	The Lucky Penny
	Mei C (Ruby)	1st (rhyme)	Luck
	Alice M (Ruby)	2nd (rhyme)	Luck
	John O (Topaz)	Highly Commended	Luck
	James N (Blue)	Commended	The Lucky Penny
	Zara H (Blue)	Commended	The Lucky Penny
Age 8 to 11	Charlotte N (Garnet)	Highly Commended	Luck
	Lucy A (Coral)	Commended	Halloween

PARKING COMPLAINTS Mrs Burnham writes: I am sorry to have to inform you that there have been reports from neighbours about parents parking across people's driveways at pick-up time. The neighbours have given me the relevant car registration numbers, but I have chosen not to publish them at this time. As a Catholic school, we have a particular responsibility to model courteous and respectful behaviour to our neighbours. Please check carefully where you are parking at pick-up or drop-off and ensure it is safe, courteous and legal to park there. Thank you for helping to maintain our reputation as a caring and courteous Catholic school.

LIBRARIES A reminder that Walton and Hersham both have excellent libraries which are ideal places to visit over half term. Why not sign your child up as a member of Surrey Libraries?

123 MAGIC (MANAGING BEHAVIOUR COURSES FOR PARENTS) are running again from Monday 6 November—please see attached flyer for more information and how to book.

PA NEWS—MOVIE NIGHT Everyone who has already applied has a ticket and there are still spaces. Tickets will be issued after half term. Thank you to those who have offered to help, a note will be sent home letting you know if you are needed.

EFFORT AWARDS

Red	Josie B	George M	Ruby	Romina S	Kajtek D
Orange	Theo P	Tilly W	Coral	Olivia P	Luke B
Green	Isabella B	Tommy J	Opal	Seweryn B	Emily M
Violet	Anna Liis V	Jaxon M	Sapphire	Jacob B	Sean M
Blue	Maya C	Zara H	Emerald	Grace J	Josh S
Topaz	Eoin A	Daisy P	Amethyst	Maddie M	Rory N
			Garnet	Izabella G	Ruairi N