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Newsletter

Dear All

The last newsletter of the Autumn Term is here! It comes bearing good news – that Cardinal Newman was placed 5th in Surrey for our KS2 results in 2017! We were also 2nd in Elmbridge Borough and 177th in the country. With 93% achieving expected or above, we are very proud of the hard work of our staff across all the year groups to enable such an achievement! Our progress results were also in the top 15% in the country for Maths and top 25% for English, so we can be sure that all of our children performed as well as they were able. Of course, results are only half of the story. More importantly, we strive to ensure every child achieves their full potential both in and out of the classroom, secure in the knowledge that they are unique and loved by God.

Year 3 showed us the very best of that confidence and enthusiasm when they performed their “Carols Round the Christmas Tree” this week. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents there and we especially enjoyed the “All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth” with all the lovely gappy smiles! Thank you for your support with the collections after all of the performances over the past three weeks. The church carol concerts were in aid of Mission Together and St Michael’s – these raised £271. The concerts in school were in aid of Mary’s Meals and raised £891, which will be matched by the government to double our contribution to support children in developing countries who don’t have regular meals.

Looking ahead to the new year, we are piloting a new **“relaxed entry”** system in the mornings from January. **Children will be able to go into their classrooms from 8:40am, to enable them to settle quickly to their learning.** It will work as follows:

In Key Stage Two - Classroom doors will be open from 8:40am every day. This will not be a big change as children have been accustomed to coming in early for “I can do Maths” which will continue. The only change for KS2 will be that they can also come in at 8:40am on a Friday morning.

In Reception and Key Stage One – Classroom doors will be open from 8:40am every day. Instead of lining up and waiting for the bell, the children will come straight to the classroom door when they arrive. Parents are asked to support their children’s growing independence by encouraging them to come through the outside area and into the classroom on their own as usual.

Registers will be taken at around 8:50am as usual and children arriving after 8:50am will need to sign in as late in the school office, as before.

We hope this will support the children’s learning and save parents from waiting in the cold and rain! Please do come and discuss with me any concerns you may have as we trial this system.

Finally I wish you and your families a very happy, holy and restful Christmas and every blessing for 2018.

Catherine Burnham



BREAK UP AT 2.00PM TODAY

We break up for the Christmas holiday today at 2.00pm. We return on Monday 8 January.

DIARY DATES We have sent home a list of dates for next term. Please look out for any updates/changes next term.

CLUB NEWS

We have sent home a list of clubs for next term.

School-run clubs will begin the week of 15 January and letters will be sent out at the beginning of next term.

We have also sent home letters for clubs run by outside providers, including our new Times Tables Club for KS2 children.

Please see the clubs page on the website for all the information and any updates.

KS2 SCHOOL LUNCHES NEXT HALF TERM

We are attaching the letter we sent earlier this week about lunches for next half term.

Please use the form on our website to let us know if your child is having full or part time lunches and then make payment. Please let us know and make payment by tomorrow, Friday 22 December. We're not able to take any lunch bookings if there is an outstanding balance from this term. Thank you.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2018 A reminder that Supplementary

Information Forms for applications to Cardinal Newman for Reception places in September 2018 must be returned by **15 January 2018**. The Surrey CC application must also be made online by the same date

SPORT Our Year 6 boys' football team drew 3-3 with St James last Friday, scoring 2 goals in the last 5 minutes.

PARISH CHURCH MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

All Saints

Sunday 24 December (4th Sunday of Advent):

Morning Mass at 9.00am

Vigil Mass for Christmas 7.00pm, preceded by carols at 6.30pm

Monday 25 December Christmas Day

Morning Mass at 9.00am

St Erconwald's

Sunday 24th December (4th Sunday of Advent)

Morning Mass at 11.15am.

Vigil Mass for Christmas at 5.45pm

(Mrs Simpkin is looking for singers to lead the carols, please join them at the front of the church from 5.30pm)

Mass of the Night at 10.00pm

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

Mass of the Dawn at 9.15am

Mass of the Day at 11.15am

Italian Mass 12.45pm

