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Newsletter

This week we have many congratulations and many thanks to share with different members of our school community who have helped us and who have succeeded in different ways through this week. Our community, like the Church, it made up of many parts and when one celebrates, we can all celebrate with them:

Our congratulations to Miss O'Neil, Miss Nolan and the children in **Year 2, who visited the British Wildlife Centre this week.** We received a lovely email from the centre, to let us know that, "The children were delightful - well behaved, cheerful and enthusiastic - a credit to the school!" Well done for being such great ambassadors for our school in the wider community.

Our thanks to Father Bill, Mrs Sharp (RE Lead) and the Y5 and Y6 children in the Prayer Council who helped us to begin the season of Lent so prayerfully and reverently on **Ash Wednesday.** For some of our Prayer Councillors, it was personally challenging to stand up in front of their peers to distribute the ashes to children and adults alike. They found it both powerful and humbling to perform this service and we are proud of them for facing that challenge reminding us "Jesus loves you." Our thanks go to all the parents who joined us for our Ash Wednesday liturgies.

Congratulations to all who have taken part in our **Book Week** and many thanks to Mrs Sedour and Mrs Denmead who organised so many engaging activities, with authors, workshops, library visits and much more! The children enjoyed dressing up on World Book Day and sharing favourite books with their Mystery Readers.

Congratulations to all those who worked so hard on the Reading Challenge and the Extreme Reading competition – a full list of winners is attached.

Congratulations to our **sports teams** who have been so successful against local schools this week. We are delighted with your fantastic results, but even more proud of the sportsmanship and good behaviour you show every time you represent the school! Well done! A full list of results is overleaf.

Just as we all celebrate each other's successes as a community, we are also all affected by any negative behaviour within the school. Sadly, I have received two particularly strong complaints from residents this week, including the following "I am completely dumbfounded that on a regular basis some of the parents show such complete disregard for the safety and well being of pedestrians."

Please be aware that our whole school community is judged by the actions of every individual. There is no excuse for cars mounting the pavements, for parking on yellow lines or for "abusive" behaviour towards local residents. I have encouraged local residents to involve the local police and traffic wardens in any similar incidents in future, as this kind of behaviour is illegal and is detrimental to our whole community. Please think carefully about your actions outside of school so that we can continue to maintain cordial relations with our neighbours. Maybe Lent is a good time to take up "Park and Stride" or walking to school to avoid unnecessary parking in Arch Road?

Finally, thank you for all your support of our community initiatives for **Lent** so far. This coming week, Year 5 and 6 have the option to take part in our CAFOD Soup Lunch on Friday and the Family Stations of the Cross will be on the playground on Wednesday and Friday mornings for individual families to take a moment to reflect. If you aren't able to take part on the playground, take a look at this link for some moments of reflection at home with your children instead:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0qv7c4PsrA>

All best wishes for a prayerful and fruitful Lenten season, Catherine Burnham

INSET DAY—WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH

The school is closed to children next Wednesday.

PHOTOGRAPHER FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR 6—MONDAY 11 MARCH

The school photographer will be here for Reception and Year 6 photos on Monday morning.

BOOK WEEK photos are on the website, including entries in the Extreme Reading competition.

DIARY DATES FOR LENT are being re-sent with the newsletter. Don't forget the Parent Prayer Group Stations of the Cross in the playground every Wednesday and Friday before school. The letter for the Years 5 and 6 CAFOD lunch on 15 March went home this week.

ABSENCE AFTER SICKNESS

A reminder that if your child has been ill with a sickness bug or vomiting and/or diarrhoea your child should be kept at home for 48 hours following the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea, even if your child feels well. This not only helps stop the germs spreading throughout the school but also reduces the risk of infecting other family members who may have more serious illnesses. Thank you for your co-operation.

PE KITS

Can we remind you again that **PE kits must be in school every day**. Because spare kit has not been returned, unfortunately we now have no kit to lend to children who do have any with them. Thank you.

PARKING Unfortunately we have had a further complaint about parking in Arch Road. Can we reiterate that parking should be both safe (for example, not on the pavement) and with consideration towards our neighbours (for example, not across driveways). The continuing parking problems are generating ill feeling which reflects badly on our school as well as giving a poor example to our children.

SPORTS NEWS

It has been a great week for our sports teams! Last Friday our girls' football team beat Burhill 2-1 at home; on Tuesday our Year 5 netball team won 3-2 at Cleves (our Year 6 team lost 3-2); on Tuesday our boys' football team beat Manorcroft 4-0 at home.

MECHANICAL TOYS We would still welcome donations of unusual toys, for example wind- up moving figures, flashing toys or ones that make a noise. Please bring any to the office. Thank you.

WHITE LODGE CENTRE red and white mufti day raised £353. Thank you.

SURREY ARTS MUSIC

Please look outside the office for information about Surrey Arts music lessons in school, courses at Easter and how to join their bands, orchestras and choirs.

ADHD AWARENESS—INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Attached is a leaflet from the Surrey Positive Parenting Service called "Parent Factor in ADHD—Information for Parents and Carers".

SURREY SHORT BREAKS NEWSLETTER You can find information about short breaks for children with complex health needs in Surrey via the link on our website.

ST PATRICK'S DAY EVE PARTY AT ALL SAINTS—SUNDAY 16 MARCH

Please find attached a flyer with more information.