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Newsletter

It was great to see so many smiling faces coming through the gate on Monday. The children had lots of exciting tales to tell about their half-term holidays and it was good to see them so happy coming back in to school.

Of course, the children's excitement coming through the school gate was partly related to the **new "galleon" pirate ship** which has now been completed in the Key Stage 1 Adventure Playground area. All of the KS1 children enjoyed their first turn on the equipment on Monday and I was reliably informed it is "the greatest pirate ship in the world ever!" We are very grateful for the Parent Association's £10k donation towards the cost of the play frame and look forward to completing Phase 3 of the KS1 playground upgrade (Water play and Mud Kitchen area) with your further support this year. As one of the Y1 children said: "Thank you for our pirate ship! We love it!"

Tile workshops have been taking place all of this week to develop the work for our "**Peace Project**" wall. The children have been very excited about creating their own tile to form part of the whole school peace wall and they are looking forward to seeing their tiles on the wall – hopefully by the end of the month. Thank you to everyone who has already paid for their tiles – we have negotiated this bargain price with Ceramic Café in Hersham, who have also been supporting with the workshops and the final outcomes. It is important that everyone makes their contribution if they can afford it – please do talk to me if you are having difficulty making the contribution. Thank you also to everyone who voted in the "Peace Project" selection of quotes. The quotes chosen are: "For our tomorrow, they gave their today" and "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God". These quotes will form the centre of the tile pattern once completed and we are thrilled that we will have a permanent display celebrating the Gospel value of peace.

Yesterday we celebrated **Mass for the Feast of All Saints**. Thank you to Father Bill for coming to celebrate Mass in school – it enabled the whole school to celebrate together the feast of one of our parishes which was very special. We are trying to achieve a balance of opportunities for the children to participate in the Mass in school and also in church, so that they feel fully at home with Mass in both places. In the New Year, we also hope to have some opportunities for children and families to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in school, as we did last year for the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative. Following my participation in the National Eucharistic Congress (Adoremus), I have written **an article about Adoration which is included with this letter** if you are interested in finding out more. The children looked very smart coming back into school in their **winter uniform** after half-term. Thank you for helping to uphold our high expectations. I just have a couple of pleas from staff as we begin the new term:

- Please ensure all **uniform is named**, to avoid losing items.
- **Stud earrings or a plain watch are the only jewellery allowed in school**. Please no hoop earrings – these have health and safety implications in a school setting. Hair accessories should only be plain black, navy blue or red.
- **Nail varnish is not allowed in school at all**, so please ensure it is removed at the end of the weekend if worn.
- **PE kit** – many children came back without their PE kit, so please try to make sure these have now come back. PE will be outdoors unless the rain is torrential, so do please provide your child with joggers and a sweatshirt to wear on cold days, or see your class teacher if this is a problem for your family.

A final nag about **Arch Road...** You will have noticed that there has been a traffic warden outside school this week to support safe parking in Arch Road – they have promised to return regularly. Parents have also raised concerns about cars turning at the end of Arch Rd and pulling onto the pavement where children are emerging from the tunnel. **Please be very mindful of children's safety and if at all possible avoid driving down Arch Road at all – parking options at Hersham Station car park and Coronation Rec are much safer and healthier options for everyone**. Thank you for your support with keeping our children safe. All best wishes for the weekend. Catherine Burnham

YEAR 4 HOOKE COURT MEETING—WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 7PM

Year 4 parents are invited to the Hooke Court meeting next Wednesday at 7pm.

OPAL CLASS ASSEMBLY—FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER

Opal Class parents are invited to their assembly next Friday at 9am.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER HERE—THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER

The photographer will be here on Thursday (changed from Tuesday). He will take individual photos of every child in Reception and Year 6. For other year groups he will take photos of sibling groups only—if you want individual photos as well please let us know today by emailing us at finance@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk. Thank you.

PEACE DISPLAY

Ceramic tile workshops are taking place this week and next to design tiles to be part of our “Peace” display at the front of the school which will be installed in a couple of weeks’ time. If you haven’t already made the £5 contribution towards your child’s workshop, please can you make payment via your Scipay account.

Thank you to those who **voted on the wording options for the centre of the display.**

HOUSE SPELLING BEE—FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Please look out for your child’s spelling list which be sent out by Monday 5th for our Spelling Bee on Friday 23 November. There is more information in the Reading letter we sent out in October and are re-sending today.

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION—well done to the following who won prizes presented by Savills

Estate Agents at assembly on Monday: Annabel R (Yr 1), Oliver B (Yr 2), Finn K (Yr 3), Thomas S (Yr 4) and Seren D (Yr 5).

YEAR 6 BOYS FOOTBALL—our team took part in the ERPSSA tournament at Royal

Holloway yesterday. Unfortunately they didn’t progress from the group stage, but did beat St Charles 4-0 in a friendly. Please see results page on website for more information.

WALTON CASUALS FC is running Womens’ Recreational Football on Thursdays 7pm to 8pm (meet at 6.50pm) at the Xcel Sports Hub. If you would like to take part, just turn up—sessions are free. See their flyer on our website.

ELMBRIDGE RENTSTART CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We are attaching the flyer for this competition again as the deadline has been extended to Friday 9 November. Rentstart are now happy to collect any entries from school, so please bring them to the office in an envelope clearly marked “Elmbridge Rentstart Competition”. Thank you.

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH

A Theology PhD student at St Mary’s University, Twickenham is researching “Receiving and Passing on the Catholic Faith: a Survey of Family Life and Parenthood”. Parents are invited to take part by completing an anonymous online survey—please find the link on our website. The survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and can be saved to be completed at a more convenient time.

PA MOVIE NIGHT Tickets for both sessions are still available—please book and pay via your Classlist account.

PA CHRISTMAS FAIR Please see attached note with information about this year’s Christmas Fair and how you can help with the raffle, Cardinal Café, Secret Present Room etc.

Please note two important dates:

Tuesday 4 December—children wear own shoes and bring bar of chocolate for Chocolate Tombola

Friday 7 December—children wear mufti and bring bottle for Bottle Tombola.