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Newsletter

Dear Parents

It was lovely to hear the children so excited about this morning's snow – enough snow to be excited about but not so much it disrupted everything! The weather has had a small impact this week, as sadly Coral Class missed their trip to the church earlier in the week due to sheet ice on the pavements. Nevertheless, Year 2 did make it to church yesterday to learn about parts of the church and to take part in a liturgy there with Father Bill. This was part of their RE learning and part of their Mission Week prayer time.

Many thanks to all those parents who organised the **PA Quiz Night** last weekend! I have heard many glowing reports about the evening and a great time was had by all. PA social events are a good opportunity for parents to socialise informally and to raise money for the school at the same time. Thank you to everyone who supported the occasion!

On Monday and Tuesday this week, we were visited by the **"Life Bus"** and the children enjoyed age-appropriate workshops on various themes around healthy living. The younger children enjoyed meeting Gerald the Giraffe and seeing the "stars" on the ceiling too! The "Life Bus" is an important part of the children's learning in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Emotional education), a subject in which they take part weekly in school. Next week is **"Children's Mental Health Week"** and the children will all be taking part in some learning about this topic. If you would like to get involved at home, you can find more information on the Children's Mental Health Week website—please see the link on our website.

This week Year 1 have had a visit from the **"Toy Museum"** courtesy of Chertsey Museum, where they have been learning about toys through the ages. They enjoyed playing with a range of toys, although they were most fascinated with the pop guns! The Y1 children I spoke to had taken on board about the lead paint which used to be used for old toys and were keen to explain to me that I shouldn't put toys in my mouth because they might be poisonous! Fortunately I was able to follow their advice!

We have been blessed with some impressive performances from the children this week. **Blue Class have been celebrating their Mission Week** on the theme of Books (including of course, The Bible) and they shared their learning with their parents this morning. Well done Blue Class! **Year 5 children are busy preparing for their production next Wednesday** and they have performed to EYFS and Key Stage 1, as well as to Key Stage 2. The singing and dancing sounds wonderful and the costumes are great, so I am looking forward to enjoying the spectacle next week when the production will be shared with parents! Don't forget to get your tickets!

This weekend, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – this marks the time when Jesus was presented at the temple as a baby and Simeon and Anna recognised him as the long-awaited Messiah. The Mass for this feast is often celebrated very beautifully with many candles – hence the traditional name – **Candlemas**. This feast is the time when the cribs will be put away in our churches. We will celebrate this feast in Monday's collective worship in school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Catherine Burnham

YEAR 5 PRODUCTION—WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 7PM

Year 5 parents are invited to the production on Wednesday—please make sure you have your tickets.

VIOLET CLASS ASSEMBLY—FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 9AM

Violet Class parents are invited to their assembly next Friday.

PARENT CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Please remember to make your appointment—if you are having a problem with your Scopay account please ask at the office. Thank you.

RECEPTION STAY AND LEARN SESSIONS

Thank you to the parents who supported our Maths sessions this week, we hope you found them useful.

CHILD MENTAL HEALTH WEEK—4 TO 8 FEBRUARY

Next week we will be supporting Children's Mental Health Week with activities in class. You can find out more at: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk>

ALLEYCATZ—OUR UNIFORM SUPPLIER

The Alleycatz shop will be **closed on Monday 18 February and Tuesday 19 February**. Online orders will still be taken and processed.

YEAR 4 MINI OLYMPICS SUCCESS

Last week we had a last minute invitation to take part in the Year 4 Mini Olympics competition held at Cleves on Friday. We're delighted to say our team came up trumps and won the tournament! Well done to Joe L, Mateus B, Sammy R, Aiofe H, Roisin G, Emily M, Darragh B, Jonathan D, Ellie D, Kate B, Oscar R, Oscar, L, Matteo R, Alice M. Please find report and photos on the website.

ST ERCONWALD SINGERS will be leading the 9.15am Mass on Sunday (3 February) and then practising straight after. Everyone is welcome to join them. If your child would like to read a bidding prayer, please approach the Singers before Mass. Thank you.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Multi Sports and Surrey Football will be taking place at Cleves and Manby Lodge—leaflets are coming home today/Monday or see the links on our website.

PA NEWS

Thank you to the great support for Quiz Night on Saturday—raising nearly £680.