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# Newsletter

Dear Parents

What a busy week! The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time in schools, full of plans and fresh starts! We have enjoyed welcoming our new Reception children (and a few new children in other year groups) into school for the first time and it has been very encouraging to see how well they have settled into our school community and been made to quickly feel a part of our Cardinal Newman family. It is lovely to see last year's Reception and Year 1 step into their new role as "the bigger children," showing our new children the way and skipping happily into school in the morning. It seems incredible that Y1 were only just starting school this time last year and are now so grown up and settled here! Lovely to see!

During our collective worship this morning, we talked about the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (today) and about the sign of the cross which reminds us that God loves us and has set us apart to do his work in the world. We linked this to the new roles and responsibilities for our Year 6 mentors and the Y6 children were very excited to receive their badges and to accept the responsibility of being role models for our school community. We congratulate all of our Year 6 children on their important new roles and we will support them to carry out their positions to the best of their abilities.

As last year, it was great to see so many parents at our Partners in Learning evening yesterday. Many commented how helpful it was to have the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher, see their classroom, ask questions and collect the important information to help them with supporting their children throughout the new school year. Of course, as you know, the partnership doesn't stop there and if you have a specific query, or just a general concern, teachers are always happy to chat with you after school or you can make an appointment through the school office to speak to the relevant person.

We are hoping for an equally good attendance at our whole school Mass this Sunday at 12:30. The teaching staff were blessed at a special Mass for the Xavier Trust schools on Wednesday evening and it was good to experience a deeper "coming together" as a community. It would be wonderful if our school community, in conjunction with the two parishes of Hersham and Walton, could enjoy a similar experience. Everyone is warmly invited to attend on Sunday. We are praying for good weather (the forecasts are very favourable at the moment!) and we hope that we will be able to enjoy a family picnic afterwards. The field will be open for parking and Mass begins at 12:30. We look forward to seeing as many people there as possible.

All best wishes for the coming week, Catherine Burnham

St Erconwald's Singers are looking for new recruits! The children rehearse in school from 3:20 – 4:20 on a Wednesday evening and then sing as a choir group at the 9.15am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. This group is long-established and are keen to continue leading worship at St Erconwald's – all are warmly welcomed to join! Just turn up!

**SCHOOL CLUBS** We're delighted to be sending home a varied list of school-run clubs for this term, most of which start next week. **Please book places via your Scopay account.**

Separate letters for Environmental, Recorder and Eco Warriors Clubs will be sent home.

There are still places in our **Homework Club** which also starts on Monday. Places for children going to Whizz Kids afterwards are free, otherwise each session is £5 to be paid via Scopay. If you haven't already booked, please complete the attached form.

**Choir runs on Tuesdays at 8am and children in and is open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6**—just come along, no booking needed.

**SUNDRIES PAYMENT** We are asking for a £5 contribution for each child to go towards cooking ingredients or other sundries which are used for class activities during the year. Please pay via your Scopay account. Thank you,

**WOW—WALK TO SCHOOL, THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER** Week commencing 24 September we will be starting our WOW Walking to School Challenge (more information to follow). To launch WOW, Mrs Cox-Wilson will be leading a walk to school from Hersham Station car park on Thursday leaving at 8.15am. Parents and children are very welcome to join her.

**GARNET CLASS MISSION WEEK – TABLE TOP SALE FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER**

Garnet Class's Mission Week will be fundraising for the Royal Marsden Children's Cancer Hospital and will end with a table top sale next Friday of children's toys and books. Everyone welcome to come along.

**EARRINGS ON PE DAYS** A reminder that earrings cannot be worn during PE lessons. If children cannot remove and replace them themselves, please take them out before school. Thank you.

**WING WALKING FUNDRAISER FOR CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL**

We are very lucky to have a brave grandfather fundraise for us by wing walking on Saturday 29 September! He would be delighted if you could sponsor him (via your Scopay account) to raise money for our school, for example a theatre trip or sports equipment. Please see attached flyer. Thank you.

**SURREY ARTS MUSIC LESSONS** Surrey Arts run piano and guitar lessons during school time. Please see the booklets outside the office for more information.

**PA CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER** Earlier than usual we have already begun the Christmas Card fundraiser. This week the children will have brought home the order form. Your child's design must be done on the **reverse** (NOT a separate sheet). The attached letter (now updated) provides you with tips on how to create your design. All designs and money must be returned to the school on or before the 5th October.

**SUNFLOWER COMPETITION (YEARS 1 to 6)** Today is the deadline for entries – please email them to [office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk](mailto:office@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk). Thank you.

**123 MAGIC**—Please see attached flyer for upcoming courses.

**FROM THE PA**

We had a really good fundraising year in 2017/2018 and if we want to continue to raise money for the school then we need volunteers to help us. **There is still a need for a PA Co-ordinator** to help manage the events for the year. The following classes also require reps: **Reception (Red & Orange), Year 3 (Topaz only), Year 4, Year 5, Year 6**. If you would like to help, please contact the PA via Classlist or at [pa@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk](mailto:pa@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk). Thank you.