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# Newsletter

The second half of the Autumn term has started with all the pace and vigour of the first half of term, but perhaps a little more fog! It was lovely to see the children return to school so joyfully on Monday morning after a happy half-term. It is certainly a busy half-term and there are some dates for your diary contained in this newsletter.

This week in school, we had a whole school Mass to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. The Y2 children read beautifully and the whole school sang "Oh When the Saints" at the end of Mass. Father Bill explained to the children that they are called to be saints too and that they don't have to be perfect, but they do have to try really hard to be as good as they can be. After school, staff and governors joined together for a feast day "Tea and Cake" where Father Richard talked about Blessed John Henry Newman and asked us to pray that one day he will be canonised and become St John Henry Newman.

Some outstanding cross-curricular learning has been taking place across the school this week. Year 4 were fortunate to enjoy a "Lego Workshop" where they honed their Science and DT skills building entire cities including lighthouses (with working lights), train stations (with working trains) and even a church (with a light-up cross!) To follow up, they combined their English and Computing skills to write a blog about the workshop, working to deadlines just like real journalists! It is great to see so many exciting learning opportunities taking place across the school.

Our English Team have launched the "Come Read with Me!" project and are hoping that every child will have a family member or friend come and read with them in school during that week – we know that reading skills are a most vital component of children's foundation skills and it is so important that we model good reading with them. Please support your children's reading during that week if at all possible in busy family schedules!

There are parents' evenings next week for Reception, Year 6 and Yellow Class. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing your child's progress and achievements with you. Governors will also be present to talk about their Minibus Project and ask for support for the school's Governors' Fund. Forms for the fund are available from the school office and we encourage you to support your children's school in this way if you are able to do so.

Thank you all for your continued support of your children's education.

Partnership with parents is so vital for ensuring our children at Cardinal Newman have the best possible opportunities.

All best wishes for the weekend, Catherine Burnham

## EFFORT AWARDS

<b>Red</b>	Tilly W	Daniel A	<b>Ruby</b>	Isabella O	Beatriz A
<b>Orange</b>	Elijah K	Milda M	<b>Coral</b>	Leah E	Alex J
<b>Green</b>	Varshini S	Joseph S	<b>Opal</b>	Jack M	Ella S
<b>Yellow</b>	Eva O	Melodie B	<b>Sapphire</b>	Charles B	Thomas A
<b>Violet</b>	Harry G	Isabelle A	<b>Emerald</b>	Camilla C	Erin T
<b>Blue</b>	Maxwell Z	Ciaran C	<b>Amethyst</b>	Cristina R	Keira D
<b>Topaz</b>	Tiziana F	Jakub K	<b>Garnet</b>	Lily W	Krzysz B

**DIARY DATES (INCLUDING UPDATES AND CHRISTMAS)**

- Wed 6 Dec Reception nativity 2.30pm **(change of date)**
- Tues 12 + Wed 13 Dec Years 1 + 2 Christmas concert 2.30pm
- Wed 13 + Thu 14 Dec Years 4, 5, 6 Carol Concert at St Erconwald's 7.00pm
- Thu 14 Dec Christmas lunch
- Tues 19 Dec Year 3 Carols Round the Christmas Tree 2.00pm **(new)**
- Thu 24 May Amethyst Class assembly **(change of date)**

**WEAR BLUE DAY—FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER** Week commencing 13 November is Anti Bullying Week and we will be preparing for this next Friday when children may wear an item of blue clothing with their normal uniform.

**LITERACY LETTER** We sent home a letter from our Literacy Leaders this week. A reminder that you can book a Come Read With Me slot for November 20th to 24th online using Scopay/Tucasi. Please ask at the school office if you are having a problem making a booking.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES** Please remember to pay for this half term's lunches as soon as possible. Our lunches are provided by Surrey Commercial Services who have been awarded a "Gold" Food for Life Served Here award by the Soil Association. The award recognises their dedication to providing meals that not only meet the national School Food Standards but are also fresh and locally sourced. You can find out more about the award and win educational food prizes for our school by searching the online school food map at: [www.foodforlife.org.uk/servedhere](http://www.foodforlife.org.uk/servedhere).

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX COLLECTION** We are collecting shoeboxes on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 November. Please look on our website to find out about how to fill your shoebox and how your gifts help children around the world. Thank you.

**YEAR 4 LEGO CIRCUITS WORKSHOP**—This was a great success on Thursday and there are photos and blogs of the day on the website.

**BHF JUMP ROPE FOR HEART** This week we received a thank you letter from BHF following our skipping day in the summer—a copy is attached.

**ST ERCONWALD SINGERS** are leading Mass on Sunday 5 November at 9.15am. Children are very welcome to join them—just pop along when you arrive. Thank you.

**ALL SAINTS QUIZ NIGHT—SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

Please see attached flyer for more information—everyone welcome to take part.

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPIES** will be for sale in the playground after school all next week. There will also be some outside the school office.

**VACANCY AT ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (CARETAKER)**

St Anne's, Chertsey (part of Xavier Catholic Education Trust), is looking for an experienced caretaker. The role will involve site maintenance, cleaning, security & safeguarding and portering. Hours between 24-36 per week and between 44 - 52 weeks per year. For more information, including how to apply, please see our website.

**PA NEWS**

**Movie Night**—tickets are coming home with children today (Friday).

**Christmas Fair Programme Cover Competition**—children are again invited to design a cover for this year's Christmas Fair programme. Entries should be on an A4 piece of paper, using paint, pens or pencil but please don't stick anything on (eg glitter) as this will not copy well. The design should include name and class. Please return to the school office by **Thursday 30 November**. The winner will receive a prize and free entrance to the Fair.

**A PA Christmas Fair newsletter is attached.**