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# Newsletter

Dear Parents

We have really been focussing on our **school mission statement (see overleaf)** in school this week. The statement talks about us as a **community of learners, believers and friends**, and this is displayed in all of our classrooms. As we settle back into our weekly routines, it has been lovely to see the children engaging so well with each other in the playground and in the whole spectrum of different clubs and activities across the school. It is great to see the children recognising their own skills and talents and those of others – we are truly blessed to be part of such a positive community.

On Monday, our whole school collective worship focussed on the theme of Jesus' baptism and the meaning of our own baptism for our lives. We thought of our school community as the family of God and ourselves as God's beloved sons and daughters. The children were quick to recognise the similarities and differences between our baptism and that of Jesus, but also to explain that our baptism gives us a job to do – to be God's hands and feet in this world.

This morning, **Year 1 (Green Class)** shared how they have been doing that job during their **Mission Week**. Using big voices and smiley faces, they told us that they have been looking after God's creation by keeping their playground tidy and completing a litter pick. During their visit to All Saints church, they saw the font and sang hymns thanking God for making them unique and special. They thought about all the members of our school community who help them and we thanked God for them and for all who help us in the wider world.

In a spirit of thanks, we should recognise the contributions of the **Parents' Association** who have supported the purchase of a **very smart new school banner**. The banner is used to represent our school community at sporting and diocesan events and will stand in the school chapel space when not in use.

Thanks also go to the Governors **for agreeing to spend £19,000 to fund the purchase of some state of the art new interactive whiteboards and computing resources** for our classrooms. As you know, the Governors Fund is entirely made up of monthly contributions from parents and is used to support the continual improvement of our school. If you are not already contributing and are able to, forms are available from the school office.

Finally, just a couple of logistical reminders to help our school community run smoothly: **Lockdown** – In line with all Surrey schools, we are required to have a "lockdown" drill in case of emergencies, in much the same way as we rehearse a fire drill. During a lockdown children remain in their classrooms with their usual adults, and doors and blinds are closed. Children have taken part in a lockdown today and it went smoothly – they were told that this was a practice and given the example of a dog being loose on school grounds as a time when we may have to use this drill.

**Safeguarding** – The safety of our children is the responsibility of all of us. Video and photos are allowed at school assemblies/productions by mutual consent but filming of the children in the playground or at after-school activities is not permitted. All photos/video should be for **personal use only and not shared on social media**. Thank you for taking the safety of our children seriously.

**Car parking** – There was another narrow miss this week with a parent's car exiting the staff car park exit gate at speed and almost hitting a child before school in the morning. **The staff car park is ONLY for the use of school staff AT ALL TIMES** – with rare exceptions (mainly families with medical needs) – which have been agreed by the school. Please ensure that any adult dropping or collecting your child knows this and parks appropriately on Arch Road or ideally at Coronation Rec/Hersham Station. Thank you for your help with this.

Best wishes, Catherine Burnham

### CORAL CLASS ASSEMBLY—FRIDAY 25 JANUARY

Coral Class parents are invited to their assembly next Friday at 9.00am.

### YEAR 6 SATS MEETING—TUESDAY 22 JANUARY AT 7PM

This is an important meeting for parents in Year 6 and every child should be represented.

We look forward to seeing you.

### CLUB NEWS

**Ukulele Club** starts next week (23 January). **Environmental Club** and **Table Tennis** start the following week on 28 January.

There are still spaces for our new sports clubs—**Dodgeball, Fitness for Fun**

**Running Club and Multisports**; also for **Environmental Club** and **Eco Warriors** (book these via Scopay).

Please find all the information for this term's clubs on our website.

### SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

We are delighted to be able to offer further school nurse appointments for parents on Thursday 14 February. If you would like to see her, please contact the school office.

Thank you.

### COATS IN SCHOOL

Please can we remind parents that children must have a coat in school every day. If it is a very cold day, children will not be able to enjoy their break time outside without one.

Thank you.

### KS2 SCHOOL LUNCHES

Payment is now due for this half term, if you have any queries please ask at the school office.

### PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS—12 + 13 FEBRUARY

Online booking will be open from 8pm on Monday 21 January.

### RECEPTION STAY AND LEARN (MATHS) 29 + 31 JANUARY

Reception parents can now book their space via our website.

### SCOUTING OPEN EVENING—24 JANUARY

KS2 children found out about the opportunities offered by the Scouts at assembly on Tuesday—the flyer is on our website.

### PA QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Night is on Saturday 26 January 7:30pm (please see the flyer sent home this week). This is a very popular event and tickets are selling fast so don't miss out on this fun evening and get your tickets via Classlist. It's £12 per person with Fish & Chips included (bring your own drinks).



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To be a community of learners, believers and friends rooted in the values and teachings of the Gospel. We seek to enable every individual to develop his or her potential in the knowledge that they are uniquely created and loved by God.