



Newsletter 26
25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots to celebrate and say thank you for this week as we race towards the end of term.

A big thank you to the Parents Association - all parents – for making it possible to replenish our dwindling stock of i-pads. This week we took delivery of 16 new ipads (one pictured) which will go straight into use. We use these more and more, particularly APPs such as Squeebles that many of your children enjoy and use and for whole class research.



We had a huge response for Lenten Bunting and these are now displayed at St Mary and St Joseph Church and St Marks as well as at school. Fr Brian also invited parishioners to come and read the promises and look at these closely last Sunday.



It is a special way to bring our community together with a focus on Lent so thank you to all the children who took part in this PA/school initiative.

Music success

Well done to the following children who achieved outstanding success in their external music exams. Year 5 pupils Eve Wheeler, Evie Welch and Gabby Olusanya-Artiles all achieved distinction in Grade 1 violin. They are also members of our school orchestra.

Amazon Wish List

I just wanted to report that the books brought since World Book Day have really boosted our range of reading books for the children and has brought raised enthusiasm and awareness of different books and authors. Thank you for the amazing contributions.

Mothers' Day gifts

These were distributed this afternoon to all those who pre-ordered on Arbor. Thank you to the PA for organising such lovely presents and to all of you who helped raise funds at the same time at the same time.

Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher for being shining examples of our Mission Statement – *Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus.*

3Anning	Joseph Kayode	For his fantastic effort with quilling in Art.
3Nightingale	Leslie Brand	For his enthusiasm and lovely attitude to learning, particularly his continued hard work in Maths.
4Jemison	Jasmine Caprarelli	She always works very hard and her homework is consistently outstanding. A fantastic independent learner.
4Attenborough	Kaien Thompson	For his fantastic effort in his recent assessments and for working hard in class.
5Mandela	Luca Jumnoodo	For his resilience, impeccable manners and positive attitude towards his learning at all times.
5Einstein	Jessica Clarke	For her love of learning and very positive attitude in all the we do.
6Johnson	Henry Scambler	For his enthusiasm and creativity in our latest piece of writing as a Boggart.
6Martin Luther King	Michele Giacomantonio	For a fantastic attitude to learning this term and for being a great role model to the rest of the class.

Head Teacher Awards

Joshua Haynes, Kieran O'Sullivan and Oliver Macleod (3N) – for already achieving their gold bookworms and for recording over 200 reads. They show such enthusiasm for reading.
Elliott Cox – for outstanding progress and full marks in his phonics assessment.

Sports Fixtures and Events

The Year 6 Netball team played their first competitive fixture on Tuesday against Galley Hill School. Our inexperience showed in the first two quarters and we found ourselves 3-0 down despite the match being evenly balanced. We entered the final quarter still 4-1 behind but staged a late comeback to draw 5-5.

Goals were scored by Harper Cowman-Daly (3) and Scarlett Barber (2).

The Year 6 Boys' Football 'B' team took part in a friendly match at Two Waters on Monday afternoon. We led at half time by a goal to nil thanks to a strike from Oliver Tenny. It was a closely contested game but we were eventually able to seal the victory with two goals from 'man of the match' Cavan Massey. A special mention should also go to Conor Gavin for an excellent defensive display to keep out the opposition.

Please note: There WILL be a Year 6 Football Club on Monday 28th March but NO Netball Club on Wednesday 30th March. Football Club and Netball Club will not continue after Easter.

Other forthcoming fixtures:

Friday 25th March - Year 6 Girls Netball match - Home v Bridgewater

Tuesday 29th March - Year 6 Boys' Football Tournament - at Kings Langley – Daytime (two teams – players have been notified)

Wednesday 30th March - Year 4 Boys' Football Tournament - Kings Langley – Daytime (two teams – players have been notified)

Sad news

Some of our parents may remember a former teacher at St Cuthbert Mayne – Elizabeth Rae – who has passed away. Elizabeth Rae taught here for a number of years and retired in 2006. She taught small groups of children, supporting and extending them. Elizabeth also became our first French teacher, teaching French across the school. She passed away on 27th February and her funeral was on Tuesday this week. Our condolences to her family.

Car park and local roads

Thank you for your patience with the road works and busy roads, particularly this week. With the good weather, I hope some of you have been able to walk or park away from school and walk as there is no simple solution to the congestion. It has been reported that Gadebridge Road has been blocked by cars parked inappropriately, including blocking drive ways. This is really a safety concern when children are leaving school. Please do be patient and park safely – both in the car park and on the roads. We will wait with your children until you can get here safely.

Covid update

The school has a relatively low level of Covid now while there has been an increased number of staff contracting Covid. Thank you to those who have self-isolated when they have had family members with Covid. If your child has recently had Covid, they do not need to self-isolate if another family member contracts it. Our current school guidance applies until the end of term. If you have any queries, please do contact our office staff.

Summer uniform

Your child is welcome to come into school in summer uniform next week should they wish – or if the weather stays warm. I have a plea for the new term – please could you ensure your child has proper shoes as per our uniform policy.

Early finish on last day of term

We finish at 1.40pm for Years 3 and 4 on Friday April 1st and at 1.45pm for Year 5 and 6.

Wishing you a happy weekend and a lovely Mothers' Day.

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher

