



School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There was no newsletter last week as I was at a Deanery head's conference. So this week is a bumper catch-up edition!

Y6 Residential to Normandy

Parents of Y6 pupils attending our Normandy visit – please remember that the collective passport form and a passport photo is needed by 14th February at the very latest. We now know that the collective passport will be fine for all UK passport holders, Brexit notwithstanding!

Young Voices 2019

We took 115 pupils to the Young Voices concert at the O2 on Wednesday. It was a fantastic night; the children sang and danced their hearts out as part of the largest school choir in the world – over 8000 children! Thanks to all our parents who supported us; the children really had a terrific time and we hope you did too. Special thanks must go to Miss Holloway for organising it all and extra special thanks to Mrs Munn who managed all the administration and orders – not a simple task with so many children and adults. I posted a couple of pictures on our twitter feed: [@roperprimary](#)

Assemblies and Liturgies

I joined Yellow Class for their liturgy yesterday. It was all about 'books' and focused on the bible. The children led us very well. Similarly, last week Orange Class led a liturgy on Tuesday and Y6 led an assembly on Friday focussed on Christian Unity. Thank you to all who attended.

Next week on Tuesday, Sapphire Class are leading our Assembly on Tuesday at 9am. Parents are very welcome to join us.

Snowy weather

I'm already bored talking about it. You will have received our snow procedures on ParentMail. We will try to keep you as updated as possible and don't want to close ever – but we make the best decisions we can, based on the circumstances and give you as much notice as we can if we need to change anything.

Clubs next week

Will run as usual, apart from football squad on Tuesday, which will not be running.

Advance notice – on Tuesday 12th February we will not be running Eco club, Drama Club, netball or football squad as we have a staff evening INSET session starting at 3.15pm.

Scratched cars

I'm sad to report that we have had two reported instances of parents' cars being deliberately scratched when parked below the school gates. This is horrid vandalism and very upsetting. If you happen to ever see a perpetrator, please get a good description and let us know. We would follow through with the police, of course.

School packed lunches

Can I remind you all that we have an absolute policy on no nuts or nut products in our packed lunches. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, anything with any sort of nut. Please check carefully. The consequences for a child with anaphylaxis could be grave.

PTA News:

A big thank to all those who attended our recent PTA meeting. It was a busy evening with lots covered. Janet Dawson, our lovely treasurer, provided final Christmas Fayre figures, we were totally blown away by the whopping **£6,997.00** that we raised for our school! Thank you **EVERYONE!**

A very special thank you to **Siobhan Bartholomew** for applying to her company, Barclays Bank, for a donation through their 'Match Funding' scheme – Siobhan's application was successfully approved, and the school awarded **£842.00!!**

Thank you so much **Siobhan and Barclays Bank!** Hugely appreciated.

Spring Events:

School Disco! Back by popular demand - Friday 14th February.

We're amending the times slightly as we felt it were a little long, especially for our infant years, they were extremely tired and emotional by the end! I think we all know that feeling at the end of a good night! We're going to mix it up with more games for the infants and juniors start practicing your moves we have some exciting competitive games to play!

New times:

Infant Disco – 3:15pm to 4:15pm – They will be taken straight from their classes into the hall

Junior Disco – 4:30pm to 5:45pm

Tickets cost £3.00 and will go on sale Friday 8th February. Not in the playground, no problem, pop the money into an envelope with your child/s name and hand into the office.

Rock and Roll Bingo Night:

We're very excited to announce our Rock and Roll Bingo Night on Friday 1st March. A great opportunity to have some fun whilst listening to some tunes, Bingo Style! More Information to follow....

Easter Event:

We're holding an 'Easter Event' after school on Friday 22nd March. We have lots of fun activities planned, it's going to be fabulous!

School Lottery – Coming Soon!

Guaranteed Weekly Winner and Guaranteed Money Raised for School

Everyone's A Winner!

More information to follow...

Match Funding/Voluntary Organisation Schemes

Does your company offer a 'Match Funding' scheme? Or a volunteer donation scheme? **Helena Howells** kindly applied for funding through her company, PwC. The scheme offers a donation to their employees who volunteer 20 hours a year to an organisation. Helena's application was successfully approved, and the school awarded **£250.00!** Thank You Helena!

Second Hand Uniform:

Do you have good quality uniform your children have outgrown? Please donate them to our second hand uniform supply. All donations to the office.

Second Hand Uniform sale will be held after half term

Xmas Jumpers:

We'll be accepting donations all year, so please ask friends and family not to throw outgrown ones, donate them to the school instead Thank you!

Diary Dates:

14th February – Infant/Junior Disco

1st March – Rock and Roll Bingo

5th March – Pancake Races – tea/coffee available in the playground

8th March – Mufti Day in exchange for Chocolate Eggs

22nd March – Easter Event

Sports News:

Is there any sports kit at home? I know we had many, many more shirts and we need them back! PLEASE have a look and in children's bags!

Good luck and well done to Daniel Bradshaw who is representing Croydon Borough at Cricket in the London Youth Games this weekend. Let's hope they do better than the team in Antigua!

On Thursday 31st January Margaret Roper girl's football team played against Minster School. We played two matches. The first match was 3-1 to Minster and the second was 2-0 to Minster. Our girls played very well and Coach Kiera commented that most of the Minster girls were as big as her! Minster have three district players! Charlie M scored for us in the second half of the first match (Charlie is also a district player) Gabrielle was very close and Emily saved a good number of attempts. Lulu played very strongly in defence. Their main scorer had such a hard kick that we didn't see it coming! Well done everyone! (Report by Charlie M – Sports captain) We're playing in a tournament at Llanfranc on Monday afternoon.

On a cold Saturday morning we attended the second primary school X-Country race at Woodcote High School. We had a number of top ten finishers. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who ran – Well done to Isobel Crotty ,8th in Y3/4 Girls, Joseph Growney 7th, & Daniel Mulindwa 8th Y3/4 Boys, Aimee Healy 7th & Grace Growney 9th Y5/6 Girls and Adam Reeves 8th & Ollie Hession 0th in Y5/6 Boys. The last fixture is on the 16th of March 2019. We look forward to seeing you there. Thanks you. *Report by Grace & Aimee, Y6*

On Wednesday 23rd January we had two netball matches against Ridgeway. Ridgeway won 8-3 and 8-0 in these matches. Although they won both, we did very well. Natasha & Jasmine were players of the match. *Report by Y6 netballers*

On Thursday 24th January, Margaret Roper football team played in the semi-final of the small schools' cup against Greenvale. From kick off, both teams battled hard for that first goal, and within the first 10 minutes Archie put the ball firmly in the back of Greenvale's net. At the half-time whistle, we knew that this game could go either way, but with total teamwork, Ollie scored our second goal. We continued to attack and defend and, as the final whistle blew, with the score 2-0 to Margaret Roper, we knew we had got through to the final of the cup. The final of the small schools trophy will be played between Margaret Roper and St Aydan's. Men of the match were Adam & Archie. *Report by Y6 footballers. (Ed;'s note – LOVE the fronted adverbials, chaps!)*

	Stars of the week		Star Writer	
	w/e 25 Jan	w/e 1 Feb	w/e 25 Jan	w/e 1 Feb
Red Class	William & Ava	Tabitha & Faye	Faye	Alice
Orange Class	Rory & Sara	Christina & Ella	Eleanor	Michael
Yellow Class	Isabella & Mia	Ana & Esther	Esther	Henry
Green Class	Mia & Oliver		Caelan	
Blue Class	Riley & Nicole	James & Shavero	Lydia	Sophie
Sapphire Class	Lisanne & Freddie	Amare & George	Aoife	Emma
Indigo Class	Ethan P & Joseph	Evan & Luca	Lulu	Gabriella
Violet Class	Bruno & Thomas W	Dylan & Harry	Jemima	Kirsty

House of the week: St Thomas More. Well done!