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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of a full and busy week (with mixed weather) I think the children are all ready for their weekend. Thank you for supporting Jeans for Genes today; I know I left you very little notice – I apologise – the date just crept up on me. In any case, the children enjoyed it and in assembly this morning we watched a very moving short video made by a little girl whose brother has a genetic disorder. It made us all think about how we sometimes make assumptions about those different to us. You can see the video here: [Ellie & Tom's story - a Jeans for Genes Day film - YouTube](#)

There's lots more to see on the Jeans for Genes website. www.jeansforgenes.org We will let you know how much we raised next week. If you haven't yet donated through ParentPay, please try to do so over the weekend. A couple of photos at the end of the newsletter.

Our PTA will be running a coffee morning on Monday 20th September, the first day our Reception children start full-time. All Reception parents are cordially invited to join us in the Pannett Classroom after drop off, and any new parents from other year groups as well. Our Y1 parents didn't have a welcome coffee morning last year, owing to covid restrictions, so you are particularly welcome to join us. You don't have to stay long if you are rushing off, but it would be really nice to see you.

Clubs

Commenced this week. Most clubs have spaces, so if you're still looking please feel free to register. My tag rugby club could do with more players; we had a lot of fun this afternoon and it is open to years 4, 5 and 6, so consider whether your child would like to participate. We have a tournament coming up on the 15th October and I'd really like to have a competitive team.

Cross country on Monday and Wednesday mornings is an open session and we run between 8 and 8.30am. No need to book; just show up and run. There's time to change into uniform afterwards before the school day starts.

On the matter of changing for clubs; pupils attending an afterschool sports club should attend school on that day in their school uniform and bring their kit to change into. There is time and supervision before the clubs start. However, if their PE day is that day, they should obviously wear kit all day. Kit for clubs is school PE kit, not any other type of kit.

Google Classroom

You should have received a letter this week, from your child's class teacher, reminding you of your child's Google Classroom login and password. Please try to log in over the weekend. If there are problems with this, please inform your child's class teacher and we will iron out any wrinkles. I know that Red class as a whole have had difficulties and we are identifying why with our IT support team.

School Fund

A school fund letter was sent out earlier today. I just wanted to reiterate how important this voluntary funding is to us, to cover sums such as the Governors 10% liability on capital projects. Without this money, we cannot bid for capital projects, such as roofing, new boilers, decorating, and the like. We have been the recipient of significant inward investment in the last few years, and if we want to have projects that cost tens or hundreds of thousands, we need to be able to guarantee our 10%. It's a no brainer, really – 90% funding means that we can really keep on top of this lovely old building and make it a better place for our children. So, please consider your school fund contribution and try to make the donation. Thanks so much.

Liturgy Dates

We met with Canon John this week, to establish our calendar of liturgies and masses for the term. Usually, we plan a full year ahead, but, bearing in mind the past 18 months, we felt it was prudent to plan just for the term only. The Bishop's conference continues to recommend that schools do not celebrate full masses with the whole school and the Archdiocese recommends consultation with each Parish Priest about what is the best plan.

We have set a number of liturgies and masses which, unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to attend physically. However, we wanted you to know that the liturgical life of our school is continuing.

Start of Year Masses – 29th Sep or 30th Sep – Half of school each time - 2pm - outside

FS&KS1 Harvest Assembly – 9am 12th October

KS2 Harvest Assembly – 9am – 13th October

KS1 Advent Penitential service – 9.15am 29th November

KS2 Advent Penitential Service 9.15am 1st December (Followed by opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation)

8th December 1.30pm. Infant Nativity 1

9th December 9.30am – Infant Nativity 2

(We plan for parents to attend the Nativities and booking will be necessary to reduce crowding – more on this later)

We haven't confirmed whether we will be able to run our Carol Service at St John the Baptist this year – we certainly hope so but we await advice from the Diocese)

Flu Vaccine – (I'm leaving this in for a second week) The NHS Nursing team will be visiting Margaret Roper on the 24th November to administer the nasal flu vaccine to all pupils. A letter is attached to this newsletter. It is strongly encouraged that you take up the vaccination This helps protect pupils in our school, all families, and the community as a whole. It just takes a simple consent form that is accessed with a couple of clicks. Please open the attachment and read the letter which has an embedded link to the consent. The link is also copied below:

[Nasal Flu Vaccination Consent | Vaccination \(verseonecloud.com\)](#)

PE Timetable

We have had to adjust our PE timetable for organisational reasons. I know this has led to questions from some year groups as their days have changed. Please bear with us. Classes need to come in their PE kit to school on the following day:

Monday	Year 6
Tuesday	Rec Year 1
Wednesday	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4
Thursday	Year 5

This may be subject to change after the half term as swimming slots and coaching slots alter. We will keep you updated. Please see the note above about clubs and changing for them.

Secondary Transfer – I wrote to parents of Y6 pupils applying to secondary schools for 2022 earlier in the week. We have a zoom information meeting on Tuesday 21st at 7pm. I hope to see Y6 parents there.

Awards this week: (Red Class will join the awards system once they are full time)

Stars of the week:

Phoebe and Stefan

Zoe and Isaiah

Advit and Jared

Seb and Athena

Phoebe and Julia

Eli and Maja

Writers of the week:

Michael

Aron

William

Christina

Isabella

Max

Mathematician of the week

Xavi

Mirin

Leo

Sara

Alfie

Harry and Lemuel

This week's attendance awards are as follows:

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Y5 - 98.51% attendance & 100% punctuality

Y3 - 100% punctuality - well done to both classes!

Attachments

Letter from Dr Sawyer – our Chair of Governors I am delighted that Dr Sawyer will be our Chair for 2021-22 and Mr Munn, our past Chair will act as Vice Chair. This continuity and expertise, as well as that of all of our excellent governors, assists the school leadership to continually improve our school.

Admissions 2022 Flyer - See the flyer for details of open mornings for Reception Intake 2022. Share it with your friends. If you want hard copies they will be available from the office next week. The admissions flyer is also on our website front page, our Twitter and Facebook feeds. Please follow these if you are not already on them. Our Twitter address is @Roper Primary

Purley Panel Flyer - Mrs Anna Bond, one of our parents is the chair of Purley Panel. Get involved – we all share this locality and need to shape its future.

Anna Writes:

“PURLEY PANEL ENGAGEMENT SATURDAY 18TH SEPT 10AM-4PM-FREE ENTERTAINMENT

The Purley Panel is a community group brought together to understand local issues and opportunities in Purley and now champion local initiatives and projects.

Recently we were delighted to get through to the next round of the ‘Mayor For London, High Streets For All Challenge’ with the chance to win £200k for Purley High Street.

As part of the application for the High Streets for All Challenge the Purley Panel want to talk to the Purley community about what they want in Purley High Street.

The Panel will be at the BIDs official launch of the Purley Market this Saturday and to celebrate we have a host of **FREE ENTERTAINMENT including soft play and games, live music, an art work shop, face painting and Maxwell the Bubbleologist doing amazing things with bubbles!**

Please do ‘Pop along for Purley’ and have your say!”

SBS Newsletter – these local builders, the site on the corner of Russell Hill and Russell Hill Road, are trying to reach out to the community; which is more than many constructors. They have a Macmillan coffee morning coming up.

Have a lovely weekend.

D Mooney

We wore our Jeans and raised money for awareness into genetic disorders. Well done all!





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