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Thursday 19th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our newsletter this week is on Thursday, as school is not in session for pupils tomorrow. All our staff will be engaged on INSET training on phonics and reading development.

Next week, Y6 are on residential for the whole week. Miss Holloway & I will be accompanying them for the week. For this reason, we are sorry but we can't run Sewing Club on Thursday or Cricket Club on Friday.

Praying in the Easter Season

This week, we started our virtual pilgrimage (we are following a year of pilgrimage) to Santiago De Compostela. We will continue on this pilgrimage after half term. We learned about St James the Apostle, the symbolism of his scallop shell emblem; that on our journey in faith, like the lines on the shell, we travel towards God at the centre, and how, through pilgrimage, we may grow closer to God and to others in solidarity. We reflected on the gospel in John 13, 'I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another' and how we live this out in our daily actions.



Children's Liturgy at St John the Baptist Parish

In case you hadn't seen the parish newsletter, the children's liturgy at St John the Baptist has recommenced. It is on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of Each month, at the This Sunday at the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses and now on every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at the 8.30 and 10.00 masses. See the newsletter for more details:

[Newsletter – St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Purley \(johnthebaptistpurley.org.uk\)](http://johnthebaptistpurley.org.uk)

New Parish youth club – Please also see flyer below:

Are you 10-15 years old? You're invited to our brand-new parish YOUTH CLUB, each Sunday, 4:15-5:45pm, in the church hall. **Starts 12th of June.** New activities each week: Games, craft, self-defence, music, discussions. Have fun

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and meet other young people in the parish, united by a love of God. Expressions of interest: jtbyouthclub@gmail.com

Sports News:

Catholic Schools football & netball tournament – Saturday 14th May

Over 300 pupils from ten Catholic schools joined us last Saturday for the tournaments. It was a beautiful day and very, very busy for everyone, but a great success. Well done to all our children who played sports and thanks to all our staff who volunteered all day. I think it says a lot about our school community that we can stage the biggest event of the Catholic school's calendar.

On the 13th May, 2022, the Margaret Roper football teams competed in a tournament at Margaret Roper School. It was a five-a-side tournament and we had three teams; A, B & C. The A team won three matches but lost one and unfortunately didn't get to the quarter finals on goal difference. B team drew 2, won one and lost one. The C team drew two and lost two. Although none of the Margaret Roper teams made the quarter finals in a very difficult competition, we persevered the whole time. IN the end, with a few tight decisions, St Elphege's A team won the tournament on penalties at the end of two periods of extra time. Report by Lawrie.

ON the 14th May, the netball team played fifteen other teams in the Catholic Schools' tournament. The B team played very well but didn't make it into the final round. The A team, however, came joint third overall. It was a great effort and though we didn't win, we all tied our level best. Special thanks to Mrs. Piper and Mrs. McCabe for all their support and training. Report by Kanya & Bella.

Ed's note – Our Netballers won the Fair Play trophy, nominated by the umpires. Well done!!

On the 18th May, twelve swimmers went to St Joseph's College for the Catholic Schools Swimming gala; the first in three years. There were twelve different races and we gained five medals – two individual golds, two individual silvers and a bronze for the medley team. Everyone did very well and it was a great team effort. Report by Kanya & Bella.

Friends of Margaret Roper News

I wanted to say a HUGE thank you to all our parents who supported our school so well at last Saturday's tournament with all the lovely refreshments and hospitality. It made me very proud indeed to hear such positive comments from visiting parents, headteachers and children, saying what a lovely school we had; a few asked if we were a private school; I said, 'No, we just like to do the little things well' So, massive thanks for your excellent support when we asked.

On Tuesday 7th (the day back after half term) we are holding our Jubilee Tea party, with bunting, music, entertainment and so on. As you can see, it's a suggested mufti day, with the theme Red, White and Blue. We'd love you to join us from around 2pm onwards, if you're free. There will be refreshments available for adults. The Friends of Margaret Roper want to make a small charge, to cover costs, really. More info on this in next week's newsletter. See the flyer below.

| Stars of the week: | Writers of the week: | Mathematicians of the week |
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| Daniel & Matteo | Ebosetale | Anna |
| Benjamin & Nylah | Ines | Joshna |
| Alex & Neveah | Sergio | Molly |
| Tabbi & Sophia | Faye | Thomas |
| Sophie & Christina | Tristan | Vanessa |
| Mia & Diana | Leila | Santi |
| Tobi & ria | Mia | Lemuel |

With apologies to Ara, in Y3, whose name I mis-spelled in two consecutive newsletters!

Happy birthday to Christ-Victory, Michael, Yusuf & Querida who celebrate their birthdays around this time. We hope you have/had a good day.

Have a lovely weekend
D Mooney

St. John the Baptist
YOUTH CLUB
Sundays (term time)
16:15-17:45
ages:10-15

starts 12th June!

OPEN TO ALL

Fun,
Fellowship,
Community

Games,
craft, self-defence,
music, discussions
& more

WHERE? Church hall: 48 Dale Road, CR8 2EF, Purley
DBS approved leaders
Inquiries: jtbyouthclub@gmail.com



Join us for a

JUBILEE TEA PARTY

on

Tuesday 7th June
at

2pm in the school playground



Mufti day - dress - Red, white and blue!
£3 per child
(Includes Tea Party treats for pupils.)

Teas, coffees and cake on sale for adults