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Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for the dearth of newsletters recently. Last Friday afternoon was very busy, followed by a very full weekend, and just before half term we had just returned from our Y6 residential.

I hope you all had a lovely half term and we are enjoying very pleasant weather this week, so please don't forget sun hats and sunscreen this week as the forecast suggest that it will be really warm and sunny by midweek.

Jubilee Tea Party

Last Tuesday we enjoyed our Jubilee Tea Party. It was a really delightful celebration at the end of the Jubilee weekend and it was not marred by the unfortunate rain we had in the afternoon. Not daunted by the weather, we celebrated our feast in the hall followed by some lovely dances; each class had, before half term, prepared a dance from a different decade of Her Majesty's rule, 50's through to 200's and the children really entertained us sharing them. Thanks to all our parents who came to share this with us – I've had some lovely feedback – we are glad you enjoyed the dances. We were also very fortunate to have a visit from Her Majesty herself along with Prince Charles! Thanks to our governors, Milly Sawyer and Steve Bignell for making this happen. Much fun was had. See the pictures below.

Finally, thanks so much to the Friends of Margaret Roper and all of our parents who donated scrumptious food and treats for us all to share. Most especially, thanks to all the parents who served the children and organised the tea party – you were marvelous and so helpful. I think that the tea party is something our children will be able to remember for a long time as a special moment. All the children were given a memento Platinum Jubilee badge, which they can wear on their school uniform if they wish.

Y6 Residential

Y6 traveled to East Sussex the week before half term for their residential at PGL. It was a great week and the children were busy from the start to the end of the day, climbing, abseiling, and trying out lots of activities that they may never have met before. Miss Holloway and I stayed with the children all week and Miss Given, Mrs. Cormican, Mrs. Garcia and Miss Buchan all came down for a while to join in the fun. I know that at the end of the week the children were happy but exhausted (I know the staff were!) – just as well we all had the half term to recuperate! Thanks to all Y6 Parents for your support and encouragement.

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 Parish newsletter for more details:

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

The children’s Liturgy group would be very glad to have some more Margaret Roper parents helping out on a Rota basis. This creates an excellent link between home, school and parish. If you’re interested and available to help, please email Becky Roberts, Parish Secretary at purley@rcaos.org.uk
Many thanks.

Quiz Club

Last Thursday, I accompanied four able Y6 mathematicians to the area heat of the Quiz Club Mathletes competition.

The mathletes did really well and we tried really hard. We worked together and some of the questions were really hard. There were thirteen teams competing and were in the lead for at least two rounds, including coming into the last round of questions. In the end we came second place, narrowly missing first by only thirteen points; St Chads won with 1444 points and we scored 1431 points.

This excellent result was enough to get us into the semi-finals, which take place in Tuesday 14th June, online. We will report back on how we did in the next newsletter. The team consisted of Kanya, Isabella, Laurence and Lemuel. Photos below.

Report by Lemuel.

Sports News:

On Tuesday the 7th of June, Margaret Roper’s football team played St Aidan’s in the Croydon Small Schools’ Cup Final. It was a very thrilling game, but finished 0-0 in normal time. Because of that we had to go to extra time. After extra time there were still no goals, despite Margaret Roper having much of the run of play, so it was decided that, instead of penalties, the trophy should be shared. Overall, we played brilliantly, but the ball would just not go in the net! We did really well to get there. Well done, Roper! Report by Harry, Y6.

On Thursday the 9th of June the girls’ football team went over to Gresham to see whether we would place third or fourth in the Croydon league. It was a tight match, but Gresham got a very lucky goal as it just bounced over Julia’s head. We had many chances but unfortunately were unable to convert before the final whistle. We placed fourth in the league and did very well indeed. Congratulations everyone. Report by Gabrielle.

Congratulation to Alex, Y6 who has been very bust in national and county sports recently. ON the weekend before our PGL trip, Alex too part in an open competition in Basildon where he won three medals; gold in the 400m Individual Medley, silver in the 200m backstroke and gold in the 100m butterfly as well as 7 personal bests.

Alex rushed away early from Y6 residential to travel to Cardiff for a National Trampolining League meeting, where, despite not being able to train while away on residential he ended up coming 4th, narrowly missing out on a National medal. Well done indeed Alex!

Sports Day – date for your diary.

Our whole school sports day will take place commencing at 9.30am on Tuesday 28th June. Traditionally, sports day is a fun event, with parents attending to see their children compete for their houses in the different activities, followed by a picnic lunch for everyone on the school field. Parents and families are very welcome to join us for this. We haven’t been able to run this for a couple of years, so it will be lovely to have it back.

Stars of the week:	Writers of the week:	Mathematicians of the week
Lena & Yusuf	Ella H	Noah
Ines & Xavi	Nylah	Phoebe
Sergio & Anna	Zoe	Alex
Thomas & Jack	Ella	Matteo

Felix & Jacob	Seb	Alfie
Lucas & Joziah	Sorcha	Maria
Gabriella & Oli	Kaylie	Kanya, Lemuel, Laurence & Isabella

Happy birthday to Benji C, Caterina, Ruby, Alex, Ornella & Andrew, who all celebrate their birthdays around this time.

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Loads of fun at the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



1	St Chad's Team 1	1444	7	St Aiden's Team 2	1206
2	Margaret Roper	1431	8	St Joseph's Team 1	1200
3	St Mary's Team 1	1412	9	St James the Great Team 2	1188
4	St James the Great Team 1	1250	10	St Thomas Becket Team 1	1119
5	St Thomas Becket Team 2	1244	11	St Aiden's Team 1	1100
6	St Mary's Team 2	1238	12	St Chad's Team 2	1038
			13	St Joseph's Team 2	76



Y6 Mathletes at the Area Quiz Club heat.

Regional semi-finals this Tuesday. Wish us luck!