# Newsletter 21st May 2021

# ESHER CHURCH SCHOOL

Christ at the Centre; Life to the Full

# **Head's Lines**

Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure we are all hoping this weather will pass, I do hope we all get some time outside despite the forecast and blow away the cobwebs!

As you will be aware, the ECSA are continuing to consider fundraising opportunities and I am delighted to announce that we are having a cake sale, with a difference, on Wednesday 26 May 2021. Please send your child in with 50p which can then be used to buy a token. The token will be exchanged for a cake which the children will buy from a cake sale set up outside. This will all happen in the school day and the children will have the opportunity to eat their cake in school with their lunch. We will remind the staff of all allergies. The ECSA will alert the year groups who will be making the cakes on this occasion, the plan is make this a regular even in the calendar.

Next week the Y6 prefects will sort the lost property and any named items will be returned to your child. The remaining, unnamed, lost property will be placed under cover outside the front of the school.

Have a super weekend

Best wishes Caroline McLennan Acting Headteacher

# Important Announcement



Thomas 4 has been awarded Merit in his Grade 3 Singing Performance. He was only 3 points away from Distinction. What an amazing achievement!

# Dates for the Diary

25<sup>th</sup> May – year 6 Trip to Young Mariners 27<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 Trip to Juniper Hall 31<sup>st</sup> May - School finishes for Half Term 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Holiday Club 7th June - School restarts 5<sup>th</sup> July – Y1 Trip to Brooklands Museum

#### **INSET Days:**

28<sup>th</sup> May 28<sup>th</sup> June 21<sup>st</sup> July

### Awards

Jemima Yr 2 Bronze Maths Nick Yr 2 Silver Maths Isabella Yr 2 Silver Maths Skye Yr 3 Bronze Maths Olivia P Yr3 Bronze Maths Chloe Yr3 Bronze Maths Freya Yr3 Bronze Maths Cammi Yr 3 Maths Annie Yr3 Silver Maths Joshua Yr 3 Silver Maths Louis Yr3 Silver Maths Katelyn Yr 3 Bronze Spelling Mila Yr 3 Bronze Spelling Freya Yr 4 Silver Maths Jen Yr4 Gold Maths

# **English News**

We have English news from both ends of the school this week!



The children in Reception have been learning about phoneme frames. They carefully drew a phoneme frame onto their whiteboards and wrote one sound in each box to build CVCC words.

Whilst the children in Year 6 have been answering the question "Are activity and adventure holidays a good thing for coastal areas?" We have planned in detail to write a balanced discussion/essay attempting to answer this question and will be finishing our pieces next week!

# Mastering Maths and Computing

Year 5 have been looking at volume and capacity in maths. They started by making shapes from the Rising Stars Practice books using cubes to check their visualisation of the volume for each. It was really good fun!





Year 6 have been problem solving lesson in maths this week - using fractions, decimals and percentages.

Year 1 have learnt to build an animated water scene using code. They instructed the computer to move objects in different directions across the screen. Then how to do it on

the smart-board and finally they practised it on the ipads. They loved it!

## Holiday Club in Half Term

A reminder to book your child's places for the Half Term Holiday Club which runs on the 1<sup>st</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Holiday Club is for children of all ages at the school. The children will have the opportunity to take part in various activities during the day. We are going to be doing craft activities and baking and well as opening the swimming pool for a daily splash around.

The children will be able to take part in other sports and have free time to enjoy the playzone. Once we have exhausted ourselves outside, we will be able to sit down to watch a film (popcorn will be provided).

An example plan for the day would be:

8.30 am Arrival
9.30: Free time
10am: Craft Activity
11am: Swimming
12.30pm: Lunch
1.30pm: Free time
2.30pm Sport or other activity
3.30-pm-5pm Film

Holiday club can be booked via ScoPay either full days or half days.



### This Week in RE



Year 6 visited the Catholic Church of the Holy Name in Claygate as part of our topic 'How can churches help us to understand Christian Beliefs'. The children prepared questions for the sacristan and her fellow volunteers beforehand, who were very helpful and informative. A huge 'thank you'

to them for making us so welcome. they all learned a lot about another church in our community and some of the important beliefs held by Catholics. They spent some time sketching parts of the interior of the church and asking further questions in a more informal way as we looked around

## **Science Update**



In Year 2 learned about the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. They all enjoyed a tree hunt in the playground and used tree identification sheets to identify the different trees we have in our school environment. The

children found several oak and holly trees as well as an ash tree and declared it, 'the most fun lesson ever!

#### In the Community

The School Parliament were feeling creative this week and made posters to help remind their classes about the Mufti Day next Thursday 27th May.

Children are being encouraged to wear an outfit to represent the job/career that they would like to do in the future.

All the money raised will be used to enhance the class book corners.

The Mufti Day was suggested by a year 5 representative on the School Parliament and we are grateful for everyone's support and enthusiasm.



### Staying Fit and Keeping Well

In Reception we have been looking at how we can stay healthy and look after ourselves by exercising and eating well. We started by playing Simon says to find the different parts of our bodies. We then create a poster to show how I can look after myself including: walking through a field of healthy carrots to eat and playing different sports such as football, skittles and tennis.



