



## March Newsletter 2020

**Designated Safeguarding Leaders for the school are Mr Holt and Mrs Flower**

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**Reminder School News App-** Don't forget to download the School News app so you can access our website and updates via your phone or tablet.

### Day of Hope

At the end of last half term we held our annual Day of Hope in memory of Nicholas a former pupil who sadly died some years ago. As the name suggests we wanted his legacy to bring hope to others. We had an incredible response with 104 written nominations! I am delighted to announce that £573 was raised which will be shared by the 4 nominations below drawn at our special assembly. However, I also name the other nominations (some charities were duplicated) so that we can raise awareness of all of the great charities out there helping others. Thank you to Mrs Flower and to the school council for organising our Talent Show with a few guest appearances, Simon Cowell, staff Gospel choir and even Fr Con did a turn as a comedian (and a rather good one too!)

**Winners** (with reason for nomination):

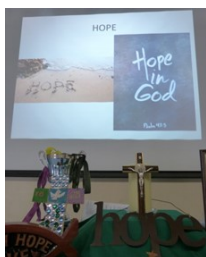
**Toilet Twinning:** nominated by the School Council, a charity which helps provide functioning toilets in the poorest areas of the world.

**Water Aid-** Year 1 pupil – to give poor children clean water

**Sam Beare Hospice** – Year 2 pupil They are a very kind and helpful charity

**Cystic Fibrosis Trust** – Anonymous – they have been incredibly supportive over the years

Extra nominations in addition to the above: Cancer Research UK, Scope, Cats Protection, Rivers Foundation, Friends of the Earth, Royal Marsden, WWF, Huntingdon's Disease Association, Children in Need, Princess Alice Hospice, Gympanzees (gym being built for disabled children), RSPCA, Street Child, Blue Cross, Animal Free Research UK, The MS Society, Little Princess Trust, Cafod, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust, Xia Gibbs Syndrome Foundation, British Red Cross, Rivers Foundation, Childline, Children's Brain Tumour Foundation, MacMillan Cancer Support, Crisis, Comic Relief, Young Minds, UNICEF, Refugee Action, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Chertsey Foodbank, national Rheumatoid Arthritis Society, Alzheimer's Society, Just Different, NSPCC, Build Africa, Team Trees, Coeliac UK, Oakhaven Hospice, National Autism Society, Evelina Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street Hospital, Sparks, Bone Cancer Research Trust, B1G1, British Heart Foundation, Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, WIRES – Australian Wildlife, White Lodge.



**Safeguarding:** Should you ever have a concern about the welfare of a child or adult, please come and speak in confidence with the school's safeguarding leads. Our Designated Safeguarding Leaders for the school are Mr Holt and Mrs Flower. If you cannot speak to us in person we can be contacted via email at: [dsl@stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk). Should you not wish to speak to a member of the school team you can make contact with Surrey Children's Single Point of Access (SPA). The SPA is based at County Hall and acts as the front door to children's services in Surrey.

The SPA provides residents and people who work with children in Surrey with direct information, advice and guidance about where and how to find the appropriate support for children and families.

**Availability:** 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday **Phone:** 0300 470 9100  
**Out of hours phone:** 01483 517898 to speak to the duty team.

Thank you St Georges College Maintenance Team!

I recently acquired a grant from local county councillor Tim Oliver towards materials to make some grounds improvements. With the help of the grant and the free of charge support of St Georges College Maintenance team we now have a covered area in the playground for parents and children to shelter from the elements! We also have some new planters outside Year 1 where we hope to grow fruit and vegetables.

**Value of the Month-** a tale of our school values in action.

Last month's value was Trust and around the school there are always excellent examples where we see trust in action. In all that we do, we have to rely on trusting one another to make the right choices and take the right action. I was fortunate to accompany Year 5 on a recent trip to Kew Gardens and throughout the day, the children demonstrated that they could be trusted and they were excellent role models for the school. As a genuine example of Trust and Honesty in action, Niamh found a wallet in the park and immediately handed it to me. The wallet was later returned to the owner who was touched to find the wallet still intact with all of his money and possessions. It is rather sad to hear that he didn't expect to be reunited with his wallet full of money and ID, but a St Charles pupil demonstrated that it should be the norm and not a 'pleasant surprise'. Well done Niamh, you made this gentleman's day and he went home happy witnessing young people acting in such an honest and trustworthy way.

This month's value is Thoughtfulness- 'Thinking about the needs of others before our own.' This ties in well with the season of Lent that we have entered. The children will be encouraged to 'go the extra mile' to care for and to help others. It is commonly recognised now that young people rather than giving up something for Lent can give something to others and make a positive impact on our society and beyond. We will also be raising money for CAFOD in line with Pope Francis' letter

Thank you Clifton Nurseries! - Many thanks to Clifton Nurseries on Woburn Hill for donating some fantastic plants to the school. Over £150 was raised for school funds.

**The parish have a defibrillator in the narthex of the church.**

Visit from Sam Beare Hospice— Linking in well with our Day of Hope, our children had a visit from Bobby from Woking Sam Beare Hospice. As always the children asked some really insightful and thoughtful questions and the session was presented in an informative yet child friendly way.



Science Day & VE Day - We have had an excellent response for the science day, thank you to everyone who has offered their expertise and support. We will also be using the services of Elmbridge Museum for the VE celebrations, but as mentioned in previous newsletters, if you have anything of interest, please do share it with us as it will enhance the children's knowledge and understanding of a monumental period of history.

## Sports News

Following on from last month's county cross country news, I had the pleasure of accompanying 23 Year 3 and 4 pupils to the annual St Georges 1.6km cross country event against St Georges and Cleves school. Unfortunately, we were restricted to the number of children we could enter such was the interest from our Year 3s and 4s, which was great to see. Every child who entered didn't give up and I was very proud of every child. It was a very muddy run! A very special mention to a number of runners who made the podium this year, a first for us J Well done to Eva, Dominic and Poppy who came second in their races and to Elsie who came third. The podium finishes were a bonus, more important though was the fact that we had 23 runners giving their best for their school.

Whilst on the theme of cross country, well done to all of our children who represented Cleves Community athletics club at the annual Borders Cross country races this year. This is a prestigious event with private athletics clubs taking part from all over the south east region. The final team results were as follows

Under 9s girls - 5th

Under 9s boys - 2nd (by only a single point!)

Under 11s girls - 3rd

Under 11s boys - 1<sup>st</sup>

St Charles has been represented in all of the categories apart from the under 11 girls. This is an incredible achievement by the Cleves staff as we are the only school based club competing! Thank you to Mr Smith in particular for all he is doing for our local athletes.

This month we have a County Hockey final to look forward to as well as a number of football, netball and running events. Good luck to all concerned.

Congratulations to Oscar in Year 6 who won gold medal in his weight category at the British Judo Association tournament on Sunday 1st March in Bishop's Stortford.



Year 2 Football Tournament St Georges Junior School 26th March—Year 2 parents may wish to keep the afternoon of the 26<sup>th</sup> March free as Year 2 pupils are welcome to come and have some fun at the St Georges Junior School football tournament. It is an enjoyable event which takes place after school with teams from St Georges and Holy Family joining us. All abilities welcome and details will follow this month.

**Local Foodbank Vouchers** - If any family is in need of assistance, I hold local foodbank vouchers which I am authorised to distribute. Please come and speak to me in confidence should you require any.



YR5 trip to Kew Garden  
Year 5 enjoyed a really informative day learning about Biodiversity, deforestation and the impact the Rainforests have on our world. The children were fascinated to learn that many

of our day to day food/home staples rely on the Rainforest. Our trip also included a tree top walk which wasn't for the faint hearted!

**Elmbridge Literary Competition 2020**—I am delighted to announce that we have some winners at this year's Elmbridge Schools writing competition. Well done to all of the children but in particular to those who were recognised: Arielle 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Short Story Category, Joey 2<sup>nd</sup> prize (short stories, rhyme competition), Conrad 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in Poetry category, Lexie 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize 8-11 Short story category, Zak J- Highly commended (5-7 short stories, rhyme competition) Eva T and Sophie M-F Highly commended.

**Term Dates 2020-21** - The Xavier Catholic Education Trust sets the term dates, thus ensuring that there is continuity between schools within the MAT. These dates are displayed at the end of this newsletter. The INSET days are a combination of school specific and MAT wide dates.

**School Closures** - With the possibility of inclement weather this winter, I would like to draw your attention to our emergency closure procedures. Should the school need to close, the local authority will be informed and an update placed on the Surrey website <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-closures>, as well as Radio Jackie 107.8 fm. Our website will also give up to date information. We will aim to email/text parents/class reps, where appropriate. I would recommend to parents that the best place to find out whether the school will need to close will be via our school website. Please see an aide memoire regarding school closures added to the end of this newsletter. I will always make every effort to keep the school open, but it will be dependent on appropriate staffing ratios and on site health and safety arrangements. I cannot guarantee the safety of the paths and roads approaching the school and it is the responsibility of parents to decide whether it is safe to travel. I hope that by adding this message to the newsletter we will have fine weather!

**School Residentials**—With a number of overnight residential visits taking place soon, this is an opportunity to say a big thank you to the staff who give up their time with their own families to look after our pupils. Final payments will be due soon, so this is also a timely reminder that if any family is experiencing financial difficulty with the payment due, they can come and speak in confidence with me.

## Year 2 Mothers' Day Mass

Our annual Year 2 mothers' day classroom mass will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.15pm. Please put the date in your diary. If you are not able to attend, a grandmother, auntie or female family member/friend may wish to join us in your absence. More details to follow at a later date.

**Top of the Form**—Well done to the Top of the Form team, Arthur, Gabi, Ben D, Samuel and Oliver M who represented their school at the annual Top of the Form competition, which is a bit like University Challenge for schools! The children conducted themselves really well and narrowly lost 59-50 to a very strong St James team, who we wish well for the next round.

You should have all received a booklet called Digital Parenting, we hope you find it useful. The booklet contains many different ways that you can keep your family safe online as well as exploring ways of reducing time spent online too.

As I am sure many of you will have seen over the weekend, there have been media reports about Coronavirus in the UK and in Surrey, and many of you will be concerned. I can assure you that we are taking the situation seriously but we do not need to cause undue alarm. It is important for the children that we remain calm, sensible and work together as a school community to follow the national guidance.

The advice to us from Public Health England and the local education authority remains the same and is as follows:

- 1) Where a suspected case has been in a childcare or educational setting, there is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home.
- 2) Even if there is a confirmed case in your childcare or educational setting, in most cases, closure of the childcare or education setting will be unnecessary and advice would be provided by Public Health England.
- 3) As always, everyone should continue to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene:
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
  - Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze, then bin the tissue and wash your hands (or use a sanitiser gel).
  - Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Remember, if you have any direct medical concerns, to contact NHS 111. This is obviously a rapidly changing situation but we will continue to follow the guidance when given as well as any direction taken via the Xavier Catholic Education Trust.



## School Clubs – Spring Term 2020



Day	Club	Time	Staffing	Year Group	Cost per term	Dates
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Lunchtime</b>	Maria - Spanish Amigos (EXTERNAL)	Years 1 - 6	£67 Call 07738 101034	13/1 – 23/3
	Street Dance	3:20- 4:15	Nova Falconer (EXTERNAL)	Years 1 - 3	Call Nova 07847 500439	6/1 – 30/3
	Netball	3:20- 4:15	Miss Ryan	Years 3 - 6	£27	13/1 – 23/3
	Football Club	3:20- 4:15	Surrey Football Coaching (EXTERNAL)	Years 4 - 6	£40	13/1 – 10/2
<b>Tuesday</b>	Art and Craft Club	3:20 - 4:15	Mrs Horton and Mrs Burr	KS2 this half term	£25	14/1 – 11/2
	Tennis	3:20 – 4:25	England Sports Group	Years 1 - 6	£72.95 Call 0208 339 0523	7/1 – 31/3
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir	8:30 – 9:00	Mrs Lawton	Years 3 - 6	£15	9/1 – 25/3
	Dodgeball	3:20 - 4:30	Paul Seuke - Planet Soccer (EXTERNAL)	Years 3 - 6	£72 www.pssportscoaching.com	Whole Term
<b>Thursday</b>	Recorder Club	3:20 - 4:15	Mr Clay	Years 3 - 6	£24	9/1 – 26/3 (Excl. 13/2)
	Multisports	3:20 - 4:30	Multisports (EXTERNAL)	Years 1 - 6	£48 Call 01932 873131	9/1 – 13/2
<b>Friday</b>	Football Club	3:20 - 4:15	Surrey Football Coaching (EXTERNAL)	Years 1 - 3	£48	10/1 – 14/3
	Street Dance	3:20 - 4:15	Nova Falconer (EXTERNAL)	Years 4 - 6	Call Nova 07847 500439	10/1 – 27/3
	Chess Club	3:20 - 4:00	Mr Holt	Years 4 - 6	£15	10/1 – 27/3 (Excl. 14/2)
	Cross Country	Lunchtime	Mr Holt	Years 3 - 6	£10	10/1 – 27/3 (Excl. 14/2)

If you wish to register for any of the clubs above, please contact the external provider directly or contact the school office for registration forms.

Surrey Arts Music: Contact 01483 519303 or email [surreyartsmusic@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:surreyartsmusic@surreycc.gov.uk) for more information, or contact the school office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Changes may be made to dates and times and we endeavour to do our best to notify you in advance.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4<sup>th</sup> Mar School Disco  
 11<sup>th</sup> Mar School Nurse Drop in Sessions  
 12<sup>th</sup> Mar School Council to Parliament  
 13<sup>th</sup> Mar PTA Quiz Night  
 17<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 2 assembly 2:30pm  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar Mothers' Day Mass 2.15pm Year 2 only  
 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 4 Residential South Downs site  
 26<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 2 and 3 at St Georges College for Mass  
 26<sup>th</sup> Mar No Swimming  
 27<sup>th</sup> Mar Lent Reconciliation service led by Year 4 9.30am  
 27<sup>th</sup> Mar Textile Recycling  
 27<sup>th</sup> Mar - Book Fair in school  
 2 April  
 30<sup>th</sup> Mar Easter assembly dress rehearsal pm Rec/KS1  
 31<sup>st</sup> Mar Easter assembly 2.30pm Rec/KS1  
 31<sup>st</sup> Mar End of term Mass led by Year 6 10am  
 1<sup>st</sup> Apr Group photos  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr Last Swimming  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr End of term 1.30pm school closure (no pm nursery)  
 20<sup>th</sup> Apr Start of term  
 28<sup>th</sup> Apr Beginning of term Mass led by Year 1 10am  
 30<sup>th</sup> Apr Rec trip to British Wildlife Centre  
 30<sup>th</sup> Apr- 1May Y4 Bikeability  
 4<sup>th</sup> May VE Commemoration Day

5<sup>th</sup> May Year 5 assembly 2:30pm  
 6-7<sup>th</sup> May Year 5 overnight residential Henley Fort  
 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday Friday  
 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATs week  
 19<sup>th</sup> May Year 4 class assembly 2.30pm  
 21<sup>st</sup> May Feast of the Ascension Mass 10am  
 22<sup>nd</sup> May Break up for half term (normal finish time)  
 1<sup>st</sup> June INSET day school closed for children  
 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 residential to Bowles  
 8<sup>th</sup> June District sports  
 9<sup>th</sup> June **Year 3 First Holy Communion School Mass 10am**  
 10<sup>th</sup> June YR 6 Junior Citizen  
 15<sup>th</sup> June Choir at Surrey Arts Festival Dorking  
 17<sup>th</sup> June Music recital pm  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun YR 3 to Legoland  
 23<sup>rd</sup> June Reception class assembly 2.30pm  
 25<sup>th</sup> June Textile Recycling  
 28<sup>th</sup> June School Summer Fair  
 2<sup>nd</sup> July Last Swimming  
 7<sup>th</sup> July YR3 to Stonehenge  
 8<sup>th</sup> July KS2 Sports Day pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> July INSET day school closed for children  
 13<sup>th</sup> July KS2 Reserve Sports Day  
 16<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Mass and presentations  
 17<sup>th</sup> July End of Term 1.30pm closure



Term	Start	End
<b>AUTUMN 2020</b>	Tuesday 01 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 26 October 2020</i>	<i>Friday 30 October 2020</i>
	Monday 02 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
<i>Christmas</i>	<i>Monday 21 December 2020</i>	<i>Friday 01 January 2021</i>
<b>SPRING 2021</b>	Wednesday 06 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 15 February 2021</i>	<i>Friday 19 February 2021</i>
	Monday 22 February 2021	Thursday 01 April 2021
<i>Easter</i>	<i>Friday 02 April 2021</i>	<i>Friday 16 April 2021</i>
<b>SUMMER 2021</b>	Monday 19 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021 (plus Bank Holiday on 03 May)
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 31 May 2021</i>	<i>Friday 04 June 2021</i> <i>(incl Bank Holiday on 31 May)</i>
	Monday 07 June 2021	Friday 23 July 2021



**INSET DAYS—** 1 September, 2 October, 30 November, 15 March, 7 June, 9 July

### Parish News – March 2020

First Holy Communion the next meeting for the children is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30 pm in the hall.

Suggestion of things to take on this Lent.

Eucharistic Adoration in the church : Monday & Tuesdays 10 am -10pm and ~Wednesdays : 7am – 7pm. Fridays Stations of the Cross in the Church at 11.15 am followed by Mass. Please note that the Mother's prayers one is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Rosary in the morning after school drop off. Week day Mass. Cafod Lent lunch will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April after the 12 noon Mass. St. Patrick's Night Celebration- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm. The evening will start with live Irish music before we switch to watching the 6 –Nations Rugby match between Ireland and France 8pm. We will provide burgers, hot dogs and fries included in the ticket price. (£12 for adults/£5 for children) There will be a cash bar and raffle. Profits go to our overseas Charity Ashalayam. Tickets email Carmen at [carmennar-bona57@gmail.com](mailto:carmennar-bona57@gmail.com) **ASHALAYAM BAKING CLUB—** Whether you are an accomplished cake maker, or a willing beginner, this is for you. We have started a baking club as a fun way to raise money for our new overseas charity helping street children in India. A monthly cake sale on the first Sunday of the month, after the 9am and 10.30 am Masses. Just email Carmen at [carmennar-bona57@gmail.com](mailto:carmennar-bona57@gmail.com)

Fasting During Lent

Put up on the fridge!!

Fast from criticism and feast on praise. Fast from self pity and feast on joy. Fast from ill temper and feast on peace. Fast from resentment and feast on contentment. Fast from jealousy and feast on love. Fast from pride and feast on humility. Fast from selfishness and feast on service. Fast from fear and feast on Faith. Happy LENT!