

# ST CLEMENT'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019

**'Aim High to Achieve, Together we Succeed'**

**Collaboration**

**Perseverance**

**Empathy**

**Learning from Mistakes**

The build up to Christmas is beginning. Our large Christmas tree for the school hall arrived this morning ready to be put up on Deco Day. It looks fantastic! The children who are invited by their class teachers to come to tomorrow's special Deco Day Tea Party, will be able to help Mrs Hickling and Mr Mildren hang some of the decorations on the lower sections of the tree. Once the Christmas tree is up and the lights are on, we know that the festive period has really begun!

## **'Putting Children First' Pledge**

I recently signed the pledge to 'Put Children First' on behalf of St Clement's School as I believe that it is important, as an educational establishment, to always have this statement in the forefront of our minds. If any parents want to sign this online pledge and join the many people on the Island committing to this principle, then you can do so by following this link :

<https://www.gov.je/Caring/JerseysChildrenFirst/Pages/PuttingChildrenFirst.aspx>

## **Collaboration 'Deco Day'**

Tomorrow is our Xmas 'Deco Day', when the children will work in their House groups to create Christmas decorations to hang throughout the school. These decorations will subsequently be taken home at the end of term to decorate your trees. It is always great to see the children from the different year groups working together and supporting each other to produce a variety of Christmas decorations. Just a reminder that for Deco Day the children wear their school uniform, but can wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessories throughout the day. Just for clarity – Man Utd or Liverpool jumpers are definitely nothing to do with Christmas! However, QPR clothing will be overlooked as, just like Christmas, there is something magical about anything associated with my football club! We hope the children enjoy the activities.

## **Christmas Movie Night**

Earlier this week the School Council met to discuss the children's views regarding the film to be shown at our Christmas Movie Night. The unanimous decision was that the movie should be 'The Grinch', which I think is a fantastic choice.

As I informed parents in my last newsletter, the Movie Night has been organised to take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. Tickets will be £4 each, which will include a hot dog, popcorn/treats water and entry to the film. Tickets will be available from class teachers this Friday, Deco Day. Children who would like to buy a ticket should fill in the slip coming home today and return it to school with the £4 in an envelope. Class teachers will collect these envelopes in and exchange them for their ticket. Hurry with your forms as there are a limited number of tickets available due to the size of the hall! Further information concerning Movie Night will be sent home this afternoon.

## **Christmas Hampers**

Our Christmas Hampers will be going on display on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the school entrance. After the success of last year's raffle we have decided to follow the same format this

year. Every class will, therefore, have a Year group hamper that children can buy tickets for. In this way class Hampers can be made up to be age appropriate. An adult hamper will also be on display for parents to have a go at winning. Raffle tickets for each of the Hampers will be on sale after school from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at £1 per strip. Tickets will also be available to purchase on the days of the Foundation Stage Singalong and Nativity performances.

### **Year 3 Christingles**

Rev Shaw will be coming into school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December to make Christingles with our Year 3 children. He will also be explaining the symbolic importance of each part of the Christingle. The Year 3 children will then join Revd Shaw in our assembly on Friday to share their learning with the rest of the school.

### **Christmas Parties**

Our Foundation Stage / KS1 Party Day is being held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Our KS2 Party Day is being held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

If any parents can help out during the parties, particularly around the lunchtime period, we would welcome any support. Please get in touch with your class teacher to let them know when you might be available.

### **Children In Need**

The children had a fantastic time on CIN day this year. The market place in the afternoon provided the children with the opportunity to both buy, as well as man their stalls to sell to other customers. Classes came up with some fantastic products, creative ideas for games and yummy food to devour. A few too many children really enjoyed splatting Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Longdin and myself with water and 'custard pies' in the stocks – if my goggles hadn't misted over it would have been extra homework for every one of those children I think!

At the end of a fun week where the children had learnt how their money helps children, both locally and in the UK, it was great to see them enjoying raising money for the charity again. Including the money raised from the dress down day and all of the stalls we raised over £800 which is amazing! The Year 5 class raised the most amount of money again this year with a variety of sporty games and products that they sold on their stall.

Well done to all of the children for enjoying the day and raising such a huge amount of money.

### **Sponsored Walk Books**

A huge thank you to all of the parents who helped the school to raise just under £4,000 last year during our Sponsored Walk. The last of our new books have now arrived and the children are already loving reading and sharing them. I will try and make sure that a selection of these books are available on the days of the Foundation Stage Singalong and Nativities so that parents can see some of the books that we have invested in. I will also try and post some photos for our Facebook page so that parents can see the types of books that we have bought.

### **Swimming**

Our first group of Reception children have now completed their swimming lessons for the term. Accompanied by Miss Andrews and Mrs Le Monnier, the children have not only improved their swimming skills, but have also become much more confident and independent when travelling to the pool and changing after swimming which are also important skills. Well done super swimmers!

### **Safety In Action**

A representative from the Child Accident Prevention group visited school this week to present five members of the Year 6 class with certificates for the most improved test scores, following their Safety in Action workshops attended during the Summer Term. Well done to those children who demonstrated how much they had learnt throughout the afternoon.

The whole class was also presented with a special award for the highest collective test scores from all of the Jersey schools, specifically for their knowledge and understanding of Water Safety. Well done to all of our Year 6 children – you will need those skills later in the year when you attend Surf School!

### **Policing in our Parish Competition**

Many congratulations to our Year 5 student, Florence Allo, whose artistic design was selected to represent the parish of St Clement's within an Island mural that is now on show in the Police Station. Florence was presented with her prize at the Police Station last week and had her photo taken with the other artists representing the 12 parishes. Well done Florence !

### **Dates for your Diary:**

- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Xmas 'Collaboration' Deco Day
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Xmas Hamper Tickets on Sale
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Movie Night
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Foundation Stage Christmas Singalong 2pm
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Afternoon Performance @ 2pm
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Morning Performance @ 9.15am
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December Foundation Stage / Key Stage 1 Xmas Party
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Key Stage 2 Xmas Party
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Final day of the Autumn Term

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