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I AM STRONG THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
TO THE BEST THAT I CAN BE
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Newsletter 8

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers;
We have certainly been buffeted by the weather this week and it is good to see nearly all the children in winter coats. If they have the appropriate outdoor clothing the children can make the best use of break times.
Whilst on the subject of the children looking smart…

Reaching the wider community
We are delighted that the fundraising and community efforts of our PTA, St Cyprian's Fellowship, were featured in Croydon Today this week:
https://croydontoday.co.uk/st-cyprians-fellowship-thornton-heath/

Individual and sibling photographs
On the *first day* after our half term holiday, Monday 2nd November, Tempest Photography will be in school to take photographs of the children. Please add this to your diary today so that the children are ready on their first day back.

Sporting achievements
Well done to our football team who produced a great team performance against Downsview School on Wednesday. They drew 3-3 and I am told that there was a great competitive spirit.

Safeguarding – our shared responsibility towards other faith communities
You will have seen in the media the lengths that Jewish communities, including schools, are having to resort to in order to keep themselves safe. It is clear that His Majesty's Government are addressing this issue and Sir David Bell's report was published on Wednesday. It will now fall to schools to give high regard to antisemitism and to record issues and report them. I am sure as a Christian community we will do all we can to support other faith groups.

Religious Life of the school
This week we talked about Holy Apostle and Evangelist St Luke, known as the 'beloved physician'. His crucial place in the early Church cannot be underestimated.

Cultural Life of the school - Επέτειος του Όχι
Everyone is invited to our Ohi Day celebration, which will take place this year on Thursday 5th November at 9am.
Our Year 6 children are busy preparing for it at the moment.

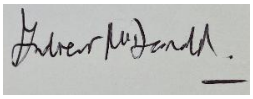
Class Assemblies
There was no class assembly this week. The following dates for the next half term are confirmed:
5th November – Ohi Assembly (see above)
19th November – Santorini Class
20th November – Zakynthos Class
26th November – Skiathos Class
Please note the two assemblies in the same week.

Poem of the week
The poem this week is a reflection on the sea, by ee cummings, who really did not like capital letters.
https://poets.org/poem/maggie-and-milly-and-molly-and-may

Harvest Collection
we were delighted to welcome the Olive Branch Charity to assembly this morning who collected all the food that the children have brought in this half term. Thank-you to everyone who helped.

Golden Book
Congratulations to the following children this week who have been selected for outstanding achievement, perseverance or behaviour: Sakina in Skiathos Class, Huda in Santorini Class, Ariana R. in Zakynthos Class, Azael in Ithaca Class, Neo in Samos Class, and Gianluca in Kalymnos Class. The Headteacher's Award is for Lanae in Samos Class.

I wish you a restful weekend.
Yours faithfully,



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