



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 3rd July 2020 - Summer Term

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs. S Hulme **Nursery & Infant School:** Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs H Nicholls, Miss F Sullivan & Miss E Bryant **Safeguarding Governor:** Mr. T Richmond

Dear Parents and Carers,

Life is currently running very smoothly in school; however, we are very aware that we only have a reduced number of children with us. Management have discussed transition and best practise for the start of September.

For this year each class group will be staying the same and will transfer as a whole group. Future plans for splitting classes and when are being reviewed. Allocated class teachers for September will be announced in the coming week.

We have however discussed the possibility of inviting current year group children who are not in school to visit using the outside space to collect any belongings and pick up their summer home learning pack before we break up and have a small window of opportunity to at least say hello to the year group staff from a distance. We would also welcome the return of any reading and library books to each school too on this day.

Please can we remind all parents that only one adult is allowed on the school grounds when accompanying their child or collecting. Arrival times should only be a few minutes before entry too. We are continuing to follow regulations and keeping to Covid safe expectations.

Spirituality

Sunday 5th July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week, Y6 shared a virtual and socially distanced retreat with Mrs Norbury, our school Chaplain. The theme of the day was Christ is Alive - based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Christus Vivit*. It was a time to reflect on their time at St Mary's and the period of lock down, while reflecting upon Scripture. Using more modern communications - raps/social media messages - they thought about how to share the message of Christ with the world. Y6 and their teachers had a wonderful day of sharing, drawing, singing, remembering and preparing to move on.

News for the week

Exciting Changes

Whilst we have had fewer children in school during lockdown, staff have still been busy working behind the scenes, planning and responding to online learning and reviewing the curriculum although our school curriculum was very much in place. Mrs Richardson, Curriculum lead has been evaluating the distribution of topics again, looking at what is really important to St Mary's. You may not notice the little changes on the curriculum forecasts but you will find more information per subject on the website by the end of term. Within these discussions we have decided to change the class names at the infant school. These new names are significant as they can all be identified within our local area of Carshalton. We very much hope the children will enjoy looking out for them whilst also learning the features about each one. The new names are as follows:

Nursery- Froglet Class

Reception- Fox Class, Squirrel Class and Hedgehog Class

Years 1 and 2 - Heron Class, Robin Class, Woodpecker Class, Jay Class, Wren Class and Sparrow Class.

We are very excited about this change and being able to include our local heritage in our learning and thoughts.

Summer Holidays - School Closure

The Governors have taken the decision that the school will not be open during the summer holiday for any children. We would like to inform you in good notice that you will have to make other childcare arrangements during this time.

Medical Appointments - informing the school office

Please can all parents be advised you will need to inform the school office about medical appointments in advance if possible and bringing in a copy of the letter morning of the appointment.

Old School Uniform

Please can all parents be advised that we are not collecting any used school uniform at present, we would like to thank those who have enquired but due to COVID-19 we are unable to take any uniform donations at present, but will be in touch when we can take up your offer at a later date.

Holy Family Church have now started live streaming mass on Facebook on Sunday's at 11am

Updated guidance on what parents and carers need to know about early years' providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

We have updated the guidance on what parents and carers need to know about early years' providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We have added content on summer provision, school uniform and a package of support worth £1 billion to support pupils to catch up. We have updated content on school meals and the Covid Summer Food Fund.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

E-SAFETY

Keeping children safe online - for parents and carers

Originally published in April, the Government have published a new update to, "Advice and guidance to help parents and carers to keep children safe online during the coronavirus outbreak."

Apart from one small section (SafeToNet app) I can't see any changes, it's just links to the usual resources, but it's worth sending out to parents as a reminder as there are some good links/resources.

The update is [HERE](#)

SafeToNet app - free for 1 million UK families

It's definitely worth sending this one out to your school community. SafeToNet is a charitable foundation who do a huge amount of work around online safeguarding. They have developed an app which they are making free to 1 million families in the UK for life. Essentially, the app replaces the keyboard on a smartphone and analyses the words a child uses plus patterns of behaviour. I've made it sound simple but the app seems to be incredibly intuitive.

You can read the article [HERE](#) and learn a little more about how the app works [HERE](#)