

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 3rd December - Autumn 2 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.

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it has been very cold, it was quite nice to see a bit of snow against a beautiful blue sky yesterday. Hoping though that everyone is looking after themselves and families in these continual uncertain times. We need to look towards Christmas, building up anticipation and excitement whilst keeping the true meaning in our hearts.

The children at the infant school were able to start their Christmas shopping early this week. The PTA were amazing in organising this, fundraising for the charity of Sutton Nightwatch. Thank you for enabling this to go ahead, something the children will remember for a long time.

Unfortunately, the Christmas Stalls due to be at the school on the evening of the trail have been cancelled due to a lack of parent volunteers - hopefully next year will turn out better. The Christmas Trail is still taking place for you to enjoy with your children.

We look forward to being able to enjoy the nativities that are currently being prepared. However, we are also keeping our eye on the COVID data in Sutton. We will keep you updated.

Where to find the appropriate communications?

Class Based Activities/Reminders - Google Class Room

Safeguarding Alerts - Email from School Office / Website under Latest News

Newsletters - Email from School Office / Website / Google Classroom

Communication/Trips/Events - Email from School Office and Website under Latest News

Communication: If your query is personal to your child -please request a meeting with the class teacher in the first instance, this will hopefully enable us to respond quickly to resolve any concerns.

Spirituality Sunday 5th December 2021 2nd Sunday of Advent

During this week's Sing and Praise and Hymn Practice, the children listened to an Advent message from Archbishop John Wilson. He told us that Advent is a Latin word which means 'coming' and this Advent season is a time for us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

An excellent way of preparing our hearts is to listen to and reflect upon the Scriptures. At the Junior School pupils have the opportunity during Advent to join with Mrs. Norbury and the Y6 Chaplaincy Team for lunchtime times of *Lectio Divina* which, in English, means Holy Reading. This form of praying has been used throughout the centuries and is a wonderfully simple way of being with the Lord - a space in which we listen to His Word in our lives. If you're unfamiliar with this form of prayer, you may find this link helpful: <https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2020/02/lectio-divina-with-kids-printable.html>

Table Talk Topic of the Week: If children ruled the world, what differences might we see?

News for the week

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 03.12.2021

Infants Juniors
95.2% 94.8%

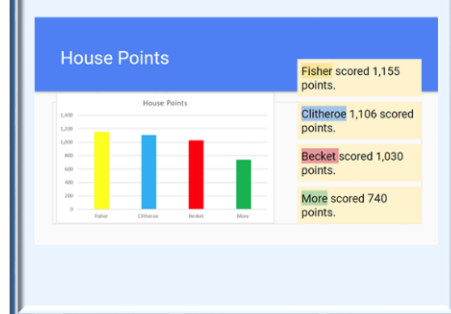
Our target is:
97.4%

Get well soon to those children off unwell.

Stars of the week

R Fox	Aaron Q
R Squirrel	Chun Ting L
R Hedgehog	Megumi-Rose W
1 Wren	Lara H
1 Sparrow	Jacob R
1 Robin	Jenson W
2 Jay	Olivia B
2 Heron	Nikole S
2 Woodpecker	Alesha B

House Points



Parent Forum Representatives

Infants		Juniors	
Class	Name	Class	Name
Froglet		3 Mulberry	
R Hedgehog	Mr Price	3 Willow	Mrs Burton-Smith
R Fox		3 Hawthorn	Mrs Plocieniak
R Squirrel		4 Ash	Mrs Moret
1 Sparrow	Mr Uytterhaegen	4 Poplar	Mrs Magill
1 Robin	Mrs Meyers	4 Rowan	Mrs Strafino
1 Wren	Ms Stivala	5 Birch	
2 Heron		5 Elm	
2 Woodpecker	Mrs Burton-Smith	5 Sycamore	Ms De Las Llanderas
2 Jay	Mrs Renard	6 Chesnut	Mrs O'Brien
		6 Oak	Mrs Moret
		6 Copperbeech	Ms Corriette

Parent Questionnaire – Feedback

Thank you to the parents who completed the Parent Questionnaire's at the previous Parents Evening. We had an overwhelming response and are currently working through the feedback to put into place an action plan going forward. There are a number of comments of an individual rather than whole school nature, we ask that you direct these to the Class Teacher or specific Senior Leadership Team member. We continue to aim to resolve any issues by working together.

Parking and Endangering Children's lives at Father Lukes Gate

It saddens us to learn that we still have serial offenders who continuously decide to park and endanger children's lives at Father Luke's gate. Please can we ask that all parents/carers refrain from parking or dropping off here.



PTA News

A HUGE thank you for all of the wonderful donations to the Christmas shop and to all of the elves for helping to make the event possible. It was truly magical.

New Year Donation Day: Friday 7th January - A time to declutter and donate any unwanted Xmas decorations or gifts that we can use for next year's Christmas shop. We are also collecting items of food to create hampers for families in need in the community for the difficult month of January. Thank you for these contributions in advance.

Travelling Crib

As we begin the season of Advent, our Junior School tradition of Travelling Cribs has spread to children in the Infants!

All children will take it in turns to bring home a Travelling Crib in a gift bag from school. Sharing the crib at home, lighting the candle, praying together and returning the book and bag to school has become a lovely tradition during Advent. Teachers will have shown the children what they might do at home, and we hope you enjoy sharing them together. We love to see prayers written in the different home languages used by our families.

Please return the Travelling Crib the next day so that another family can enjoy it.

It may be possible that some of you unpack your Christmas decorations and realise that you still have one of our Cribs from last year. DO NOT WORRY! Please just return it to the school office - we would be very grateful.

Donations of Hardback books

A request for donations of any **hardback**, children's books, fiction or non, no longer required at home, for an exciting project at school - all will be revealed at a later date!

Just regular sized books please, not A4 as in encyclopaedias, annuals etc. Please deliver to the Junior school and thank you for your support.

Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/growing?pid=MTA101634&v=25.6>