



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 5th February - Spring 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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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have shared each other's sorrow this week when we heard the devastating news about the death of Fr Paul last Friday. A sadness like this brings us together not only in sorrow but also joined in thoughts and prayers.

The children have shared their own memories as we recall the times when Fr Paul would join the children on the playground in school and in church, when celebrating the sacraments and the seasons within the Church Liturgical Calendar.

Unfortunately, it is also an indicator that we must continue to safeguard ourselves and each other as much as possible against the virus as we await further and more promising announcements from the government. We are all looking forward to having a fantastic party when we have brighter new times to celebrate together.

Thank you for the few photographs of snowmen from last week, you may also have some lovely images of the birds that live in our neighbourhood that can also be sent in to add to the gallery on the website. Feedback from birdwatch week has been very positive. The heron has returned to the pond on the junior school site as the lake is filling up again. He is a wonderful sight to see.

Thank you for the most generous donations of food that have been given. These will be distributed to families in need.

May we continue to politely remind you that phones are not allowed to be used on the school site, we ask you also to inform other members of your family who may be collecting children - thank you.

Spirituality

Sunday 7th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



2nd February was the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

This is the celebration of when Jesus was presented in the Temple. In the Infant Jesus, Simeon recognised the Light of the World against which no darkness can prevail. Let us all be radiant in this light so that, through us, He will shine brightly to guide us through these difficult days.

We were all deeply saddened to hear of the death of Fr. Paul. He remains in our thoughts and prayers as we remember the many times we shared with him: in the celebration of the Mass, in the playground, at school concerts, at governors' meetings and so many other times. He is greatly missed by us all.

May the angels lead him into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome him and take him to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.



Home Learning is provided through Google Classroom. Should you have a problem connecting please contact your class teacher for support. For your convenience, further information regarding expectations and how to use gaming devices to access the site can be located in Parents and Carers Classroom.

News for the week

Guidance update:

Sutton is in: **National Lockdown**. For further guidance please click on this link
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Home Learning Links

Remote Education: Information for Parents -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q7PcU2HJKw5P7aY7SfJP1j6ZEP8TXRkf/view?usp=sharing>

Websites to support online learning -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1goQHN324bRrJCGvTsv_rCrXYSW2FEFvT/view?usp=sharing

Online Registration & Reflection -

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IrgOiYrLV3TgIhExvuxGv67z1V7WNJFB6Ks-pVH97Ss/edit?usp=sharing>

Snowman creations

Thank you to the parents who have sent in photos of their child's snowman creations, please click on the link below to view the photos. If you would like your child's snowman photograph to be added to our website, please send it to Ms Nicol (knicol3@suttonmail.org), please only photo's without children to be sent. Thank you.

<https://www.smcs.org.uk/gallery-infants.php>

<https://www.smcs.org.uk/gallery-juniors.php>

Thank you to a very generous family for their kind donation of 5 PCs. We are overwhelmed with the kindness of our families and their donations. This brings are total donated PCs/Laptops to 7, are we able to get to 10?

E-Safety Day

On Tuesday 9th February 2021, it is Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day explores reliability online. Safer Internet Day 2021 will be celebrated in the UK with the theme: 'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world' The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction? Your Home Learning Grid next week will outline the activities that your teachers have provided for you with instructions on what you need to do at home.



We are sad to say farewell to Mrs Beale next Friday (TA at the Junior School). She has always been committed to the children's learning in school and now is having a change of career as she is now going to be part of the ambulance service - even driving them! We wish her much luck and success and will miss her greatly.

FREE Lunchtime Fitness Classes for your Child



FREE, FUN, FITNESS CLASSES FOR CHILDREN !

EVERY DAY WHILST THE SCHOOLS ARE SHUT DURING LOCKDOWN
AT 12.30PM !

GIVES THE CHILDREN A BREAK FROM HOME SCHOOLING !

HELPS WITH FITNESS AS THERE IS NO "PLAYGROUND TIME"

ZOOM ID: Meeting ID: 660 778 6051

Passcode: PMALD2021

(no booking required, just jump on when possible)



Progressive Martial Arts
Mixed Martial Arts for Kids

PE and Physical Activity

I have loved hearing about people using Real PE at home and even how their adults have joined it too! Coach Niall's first video on Google Classroom seemed to be enjoyed by many and the second one seems popular too. It's great to know so many people have been able to make use of these. With this week being Child Mental Health Week it reminds us how vital exercise and activity is for everyone's wellbeing, at the moment especially.

Please find attached this week's challenge from The

Daily Mile [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-nYPB7nsBmDss0AshfSz-3zR8PqbsyF5/view?usp=sharing)

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[3zR8PqbsyF5/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-nYPB7nsBmDss0AshfSz-3zR8PqbsyF5/view?usp=sharing)

Take care. Mrs Birch