



St. Mary's  
Catholic Federation

## Weekly Newsletter - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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**Executive Headteacher, Mrs S Hulme. Chair of Governors, Mr B Tomkins**

**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 Deputy:** Mrs. S Hulme **Safeguarding Governor:** Mr. T Richmond

To check if the school is open during bad weather, please use the link below to Open Check.

<https://opencheck.atomwide.com/default.aspx>

Dear Parent & Carer,

Thank you all for helping to support and celebrate World Book Day today in school. These theme days are really very special and help to form fabulous memories for our children. We hope you all had good fun preparing for it.

It has been a week of apprehension and diligence while daily guidance has been awaited regarding the Coronavirus. We like other schools have been sharing notes and discussing measures to be applied in an effort to be preventative but the situation is very difficult to predict. Please continue to follow similar practice and follow the national guidance at home.

It has also been a tense build up this week when the offers were made to our year 6 pupils for their place in high school. Hopefully everyone is happy with their allocation. Time moves on and it reminds us of the count down for our next school leavers.

Have a good weekend, hopefully with less rain.


### Spirituality

### Sunday 8th March - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Morning reflection is issued every week by our Chaplain and is available on the school's website: <https://www.smcsc.org.uk/spirituality.php>

During this first full week of Lent many pupils have taken the opportunity to stop, pray and be silent - in chaplaincy sessions, *Lectio Divina* and the Lent Tent. It is wonderful to see so many of them choosing to spend time with the Lord in these ways.

You may have heard that Archbishop Peter Smith, our previous archbishop who retired only a few months ago, has been diagnosed with cancer and is receiving palliative care in hospital. Please pray that the Lord will be very close to him at this time.

 Table Talk Topic for this week: What is true happiness? - Just a reminder, that we have a Prayer intention book in the Reception area of each school. Please feel free to write your intentions in as you wish. Thank you to those who have added to it. Please take the time to read it when visiting the school.

## News for the week

### Next week's upcoming dates

Juniors - Mon 9th March - Year 4 Wider Opps  
Juniors - Tues 10th March - Year 6 Height & Weight - School Nursing  
Infants - Weds 11th March - Last French Club - Year 1  
Infants - Thurs 12th March - Meerkat Class School Liturgy at 9am, enter via Gate 4.  
Infants - Thurs 12th March - Last French Club - Year 2  
Juniors - Thurs 12th March - Year 6 Oak Preston Manor Trip  
Juniors - Fri 13th March - 4 Poplar swimming at 1.30pm, Years 5/6 swimming at 2pm  
Both Schools - Fri 13th March - St. Patricks Night held at the Junior school (Adults only)

### Sign of the Week

Please check the Parents and Carers room on Google Classroom for this week's 'Sign of the Week'.

Please be vigilant around the lake bed area in St. Philomena's grounds, especially now the lake is at its highest point. It is lovely to look and take in the awe and wonder but children need to be aware of the dangers too. Thank you

### Inconsiderate parking

This continues in the streets in close proximity to the school. We have had a number this week - one in West Street when the driver was somewhat abusive too which is really disappointing. Another gave the registration number of a blue car YS55 RNJ hopefully this isn't one of our parents letting the school community down and a number in recent weeks parked on the Poets Estate. Please park with care to prevent negativity against the school. These residents are our neighbours and should be treated with respect.

### Appointments - Requesting proof

The school office staff will continue to request proof of appointments, music exams etc. to comply with school policy. Please do not challenge the office staff when they ask for such details. If you take your child out during school hours you must provide the evidence at the time of the request, otherwise the office staff will remind you. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to safeguard our children.

### Chromebooks and Chrome Captains

St. Mary's has just purchased 30 Lenovo 500e Chromebooks and one for each class. Every class will have the opportunity to use the Chromebooks in a variety of lessons.

#### **Features of the Chromebooks –**

- Touch screen
- Flip
- 360°
- Inbuilt
- stylus – pen
- Login
- Using Google username

#### **To celebrate the school getting Chromebooks each class will have a Chrome Captain each term.**

#### **A Chrome Captain's job –**

- Assist the teacher and class using Chromebooks
- Receive a Chrome Captain badge
- Be invited to a Chrome Captain Club after school to do more computer coding using CS First and Chromebooks

Our Chrome Captains for this term are –

3 Hawthorn – Owen F	5 Birch – Andrew J
3 Mulberry – Oscar J	5 Elm – Xavier L
3 Willow – Michelle B	5 Sycamore – Oliver S
4 Ash – Adam G	6 Chestnut – Julia J
4 Poplar – Alorm F	6 Copper Beech – Jake P
4 Rowan – Christian M	6 Oak – Anabell F



### **Stars of the Week - Week ending 6th March 2020**

**Elephant Class** - Luca F, **Penguin Class** - Caoimhe F, **Bee Class** - Emily A,  
**Reindeer Class** - Hugo P, **Cheetah Class** - Evan T, **Giraffe Class** - Amelie S,  
**Meerkat Class** - Isla M, **Horse Class** - Mason C, **Owl Class** - Lara N

**Well done to all of the Stars of the week!**