



## Weekly Newsletter - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - Autumn Term

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

Dear Parent or Carer,

Happy Firework Week! Hopefully this will provide some fun at the start of a new lockdown period as bit of pleasure.

As we enter into a new period of possible lockdown where we may see an increase of anxiety, we need to remember that we are one solid community having a shared faith. Please remember to look after each other and keep friends, colleagues and family in your thoughts and prayers. Life will take on a slightly different form for each of us both in and out of school. Please take care.

We are seeing new cases of children and staff isolating; support for home learning will continue online with some addition of hard copy work in the coming weeks. Please keep in touch with the Google Classrooms.

Please note that siblings are expected to attend school unless a member of the family has COVID symptoms.

Thank you to the PTA who are continuing to arrange a variety of activities for children to enjoy over the following weeks whilst raising money to support the school. We are hoping to use some of the money to extend our stock of reading books in school.

### Governors Fund

The school governors would like to thank you all for your generous contributions. We may be in lockdown but improvement work in each school continues. Phase one improvements in the Junior School boiler room have contributed to the heating up grade and phase one of the new fencing at the Infant School have been installed to improve security.

### Spirituality

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is deeply saddening that due to the new lockdown we are, once again, unable to participate physically in the celebration of Mass. The daily Sacrifice of the Mass will continue, however, in our local parish churches and around the world. See below for links.

Holy Cross, Carshalton: <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/holy-cross-roman-catholic-church-carshalton>

St. Margaret's Carshalton Beeches: <https://stmargaretcarshaltonb.uk/external-links> . Church open for Adoration daily 10:15-midday and 10am - 8pm on Friday.

Our Lady of the Rosary, Sutton: recorded Masses can be found on Youtube - search for Sutton Catholic Church daily Mass

Holy Family, Sutton Green: To Be Announced

Live-streamed Masses throughout the United Kingdom and Eire can be found here: <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

Prior to the announcement of the new lockdown, Archbishop had decided to continue the suspension of the celebration of Mass and Eucharistic services both in school or at a local parish church. This decision will be reviewed at the start of the Spring Term. During this time, we will continue to find ways in which our parish priests can continue to minister to our school community, via video messages and the like.

Letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, which I'd like to share with you all.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C-LSWUafcol2gN5iStSGvds6tmgcnuNf/view?usp=sharing>

## News for the week

### Junior Parent Governor Ballot Replies

To return your Junior Parent Governor Ballot replies, please be advised you will be able to return them as one of the following by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November:

- Put into a sealed envelope for the attention of the School Office and put into your child's book bag.
- Into the box outside the main school office (front of school)
- Via email with the ballot reply attached.

### Junior School Reminder

Please remember the school day  
start time for the Junior School is  
8.30am

### Wearing of Masks

Please can all parents be reminded that masks are to be worn at all times when on either school site. This is for the protection of everyone.

Thank you

### Infant School Site - Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Next week we will be celebrating remembrance day on Wednesday 11th November. The children will take part in creative and reflective activities and will visit the Mary Garden on our playground as a class to display their work. This will be a lovely time for the children to reflect, pray and remember this special day. Over the weekend, please talk to your children about the upcoming event so the children have some background knowledge on why we are remembering this significant event.



### No Mobile Phones on the school site

Please remember no mobile phones are currently allowed in school for adults and/or pupils.



### Junior School Site - Poppy Appeal 2020

Due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to sell poppies at school this year in support of the British Legion's Remembrance Appeal. Instead, please use the link below to take you to the charity's website, where you can either make a donation or browse their online shop. There is also a poppy poster available, to download, colour and display in your window.

Next week, children will get the opportunity to take part in a Remembrance assembly and poppy craft, contributing towards an entrance hall display.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal>

Please can ALL UNIFORM AND COATS/HATS/SCARFS BE CLEARLY NAMED!

### Junior School - Banded Reading Books

We are now desperately low on our banded reading books, please could you have a look at home to see if your child may have brought one home before the lockdown, if you could return them to school with your child or into the box at the school office, we would be most grateful.

### Mufti Day to raise funds for Haemophilia Society

Thank you to all the parents who have made a donation (via parentpay) for the Haemophilia Society. We have raised an impressive £1400.50! If you still want to make a donation you still have time until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.