



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter - Thursday 7th May 2020

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

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

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



VE DAY
75TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8 - 10 MAY 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Best wishes to you all for an enjoyable VE Day celebration tomorrow. It's strange to have so many restrictions in place at the moment due to the current situation that reflect similar sacrifices that effected the mood and community spirit of that during wartime some 75 years ago. The answer may be the same - to sing and dance your way through it!

It is important to keep the wellbeing of yourselves and the community as a focus and we will get through this difficult time together. The biggest challenge is probably to be patient. We are so used to living in an ever-changing world it's hard to stay still.

The schools are working together with Sutton LA to start to plan a return to the classroom but without guidance from the government, this is difficult. Please be assured that we will keep in touch with updates as and when we are informed.

Due to uncertainties across many areas of school life for the next term - management will not be taking any decisions about the designated class teachers or how children will be grouped for September 2020 until we have knowledge of when schools will re-open and exactly what this will look like. This is a very anxious time for parents thinking about new classes but I am sure you will all understand the reason for this in the present climate. We will keep you informed, as we know more.

Please stay safe and support each family by abiding to government guidelines - we need to do this together.

Best wishes to you all from the staff and governors of St Mary's Federation.

Spirituality

Sunday 10th May - 5th Sunday of Easter

Weekly reflection is issued by our Chaplain and is available on the school's website:

<https://www.smcsc.org.uk/spirituality.php>

Each week our Lay Chaplain shares prayers, reflections and activities on Google Classroom. We hope these are helpful. Please do share them with your children and encourage them to do the activities where appropriate.



During this month of May, Pope Francis has invited Catholics around the world to renew their love for the Holy Rosary:

"...Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial."

As we are now in the month of May, a time when we traditionally pray the Rosary, Mrs Norbury has posted a meditation on a decade of the Rosary, with a particular intention for those affected by Coronavirus. There are two versions of this meditation. The version for adults and older children can be accessed here

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ZdMBY12h6InTS57MSTo2w6uRhXTcE6HkmgimsSBIQR3U>

News for the week

Foodbank

Sadly, we are hearing of an increasing number of families who are struggling during this difficult time. As a school we are delivering food parcels each week. if you have spare items of food that are securely packaged we would welcome for these to be dropped off at the infant school (between 9am and 4 pm) should you be passing on your daily walk. You are always brilliant at supporting and caring for each other - thank you in advance.

Sutton School Nursing - Duty Line

The Sutton School Nurses have set up a duty School Nurse line to enable telephone contact for parents and young people to offer support at this time.

To contact the school Nurse duty telephone line, please call: 0208 770 5409

Sutton School Nursing website: <http://www.suttonchildhealth.co.uk/>

Applying for Free school meals

If you wish to find out if your child is eligible for free school meals, please copy and paste this link, <https://selfservice.sutton.gov.uk/Sutton%20Council%20-%20Self%20Service>.

If you are not in receipt of one the following benefits you will not be eligible for free school meals:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.