



## Weekly Newsletter - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January - 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.*

*Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs. S Hulme Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.*

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**New PTA Email address: [pta@stmarysfed.uk](mailto:pta@stmarysfed.uk)**



Dear Parents and Carers

We warmly welcome you back at the start of the spring term but wish the news was better than it is. We were all looking forward to some cheery spring weather (including a few flurries of snow) to cheer us up. We all need to stay positive, get through these difficult times and indeed enjoy the pleasure of seeing the spring shoots growing together with the snowdrops to gladden our hearts.

School continues to be quite different, year group bubbles don't have the opportunity to mix with each other and this includes members of staff too. We seem to be responding to the latest government guidance with almost no notice which does not facilitate the most efficient planning, however you will all have seen the home learning grids in action from the first day and hopefully have received further information to support this.

Since the start of term we have been functioning with 12 staff members either ill or isolating which has impacted hugely in the opening of a school; providing lessons and keeping up the high expectations in hygiene. Everyone has worked hard in pulling together and we would like to thank you for the many good wishes.

As you will have seen - sadly we have the first isolation of a class bubble this term from yesterday in year 6 and we do expect this to become familiar once more.

Supporting each other in the community is vital going forward - thank you all in advance for your understanding and co-operation both in trying to keep us all safe and for continuing the educational tasks at home. We are also thinking about you at home and the many anxieties that you are having to cope with at work and in the family. We are all looking forward to enjoying the shared school events once more when it's safe to do so.

Wishing you all a happier and more successful 2021.



With all the preparations for Christmas, some of us may have missed the news that Pope Francis has declared this Church year to be a 'Year of Saint Joseph', running from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021. In his Apostolic Letter, *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. Living as we are, in lockdown once again, we may feel that we too are living in the shadows - separated from those we love, from friends and from work colleagues. St Joseph can help us to accept the difficulties we face. Pope Francis encourages us all to pray the following prayer:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Fr. Anthony, Parish Priest at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, has asked us to share the following short weekly reflections based on the Church's readings to soothe and replenish the spirit.

<https://stmargarets101.podbean.com/>

**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>

**Guide to accessing Google Drive and Google Classroom and Accessing Google Classroom on Playstation 4 and Xbox.**

This will also be posted in the Parents / Carers Room on Google Classroom

Google leaflet for parents

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ax6zPwCaN\\_-nGkm1QV001INKGlod8MGY/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ax6zPwCaN_-nGkm1QV001INKGlod8MGY/view)

Accessing Google Classroom on Playstation 4 and Xbox

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iH6pFcvkxT4u2g6J3PvivDQTSOLOFev/view?usp=sharing>

**Nursery Google Classroom**

A reminder for all Nursery parents/carers to login to the Nursery Google Classroom. The details on how to log in and password would have been sent home in the Google Classroom pack at the start of Autumn Term.

If you have any issues logging in, please contact Ms Nicol for further details.

It is important you accept the invitation for the Nursery Google Classroom as the Nursery Learning Grid and other important information is posted in this format.

If you have any queries on how to accept the link please do not hesitate to contact the school office.