



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 10th January 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

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the staff and the school governors may we wish you a most peaceful 2020 filled with much joy. Huge thanks to the teams of helpers who worked tirelessly in the lead up to Christmas. The PTA raised in excess of £9600 in the autumn term including sales that were for charities. This is really amazing. A brilliant effort! The school has planned projects, so we will inform you soon of how it is to be spent. May we encourage more people to get involved helping as the work is so worthwhile for the children as well as building a positive family community. We would like to share congratulations to Mrs Wastell who gave birth to a baby boy this week and also Mr Johnston who also has a new son. The mothers and boys are all doing well.

As we move into the heart of winter, please be reminded that the school will remain open, whenever possible even if snow is forecast. The school uses the "Open Check " system to communicate any closure notices. This site will only be updated if circumstances change - otherwise it will state school as being open.

Thank you to parents who correctly follow the uniform policy - this is important for children to know that they are secure in following school expectations. Unfortunately, as school closed yesterday we had torrential rain and there were some children with coats with no hood. Please keep this in mind when buying. Thank you also to parents who ensure hair styles conform. We still see pupils coming to school with extreme hair styles and with the obvious use of styling products, which are not allowed.

Spirituality

Sunday 12th January - The Baptism of the Lord

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

In this Year of the Word the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales are encouraging us all to spend more time reading and reflecting upon the Scriptures, the inspired word of God. Our school currently has the Deanery Candle, which, over the coming days will be spending time with each class before being handed on to St. Philomena's High School for Girls later this month.

We already read the Scriptures during our RE lessons, liturgies and chaplaincy sessions but during this year we be creating opportunities to encounter the Word in different ways. This week at the Junior School, we have been using a colouring activity to help us think about how we can follow the Magi's example to follow the Light of Christ and then share it with those we meet.



The Year of the Word
Prayer



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Deanery Candle

Table Talk Topic for this week: - Can you grab water? 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

Mon 13th Jan - Year 6 Height & Weight's by School Nursing
Tues 14th Jan - Year 5 Under Canvas, Relationship and IOW Parents Meeting at 7pm
Thurs 16th Jan - Horse Class, School Liturgy at 9am, Enter via gate 4

How to check if the school is open

To check during bad weather if the school is open, please use the link below to Open check, you will need to choose the authority (Sutton) and school.

<https://opencheck.atomwide.com/default.asp>
[x](#)

PAR Evening - Appointment Booking

To book your appointment for the upcoming PAR evening, please be advised the appointment booking system will go live from Monday 3rd February 2020 at 11am.
An email will be sent out shortly informing you how to access the appointment booking system.

Absence Reporting - Nursery to Year 6

When reporting absences for your child, please can you ensure you call in before 9.30am on the day of the absence.

You will also need to write in (either email or letter) to the school office explaining the reason for the absence, this is a safeguarding aspect for all children. Nursery children are also included.

Safer Internet Day 2020 will be celebrated globally with the theme: Together for a better internet on Tuesday 11th February

As part of E-Safety day on Tuesday 11th February classes from Year 1 to Year 6 will have a talk and workshop given by Steve Welding - Education E Safety Advisor. In preparation parents we hope you will discuss with your child internet safely and being responsible. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, foster carer, aunt, uncle or older sibling - we can all play a role in empowering children to enjoy their time safely online!

Here are some Start the conversation on a positive note: What do you like most about the internet and why? What's your favourite game/app/site? How does going online make you feel? How does the internet/technology make your life better? What could you do if being online is making you feel worse rather than better? What is different about talking online to someone compared to talking face to face? Is there anything that is the same? Can people say/do whatever they want online? Why/why not?

Here are some great E-Safety links -

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
<http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/>
<http://www.internetmatters.org/>
<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>
<http://www.childnet.com/>
<https://www.common sense media.org/>



Stars of the Week - Week ending 10th January 2020

**Reindeer Class - Jan P, Cheetah Class - Adrian W, Giraffe Class - Clare Z,
Meerkat Class - Elise R, Horse Class - Emmeline K, Owl Class - Gabriel D**
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!