



Weekly Newsletter-Friday 11th January

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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. G Owens and **Nursery & Infant School:** Mrs. M Quinn.

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hoping that you have all enjoyed a peaceful and restful holiday period, on behalf of staff and governors, we wish you a most healthy and prosperous 2019.

Once back into school it is business as usual. The children are working hard and all look as if they have grown taller over the weeks of the festive period. The staff had a useful INSET Day on Monday looking at the School Improvement Plan, some further first aid training and safeguarding updates

Maths Learning

As you already know we have been using the principles of mastery maths and following on from this we have decided to have a bigger focus on maths this term. Early morning tasks will focus on maths as relevant to each year group and additional homework will be given. You will also be invited into class later in the term to see how we use concrete resources to support maths learning. Thank you for your support in the promotion of this initiative, we are hoping for the impact to be quite significant.

Healthy Eating

Please support the promotion of healthy eating by reducing the amount of processed food in your child's lunch box, whilst noting that sweets should not be included either. If you remember the note some months ago, processed fruit raises the amount of sugar contained so please also refrain from including these items. Thank you.

Spirituality

Sunday 13th January - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Morning reflection is issued every week by our Chaplain and is available on both schools websites
<http://www.stmarysjunior.org.uk/spirituality.php> <http://www.stmarysinfchool.org.uk/spirituality.php>

On this first week back to school we have been reflecting upon our New Year resolutions and our One Word, in particular. If you have chosen a Word, perhaps you might also like to take some time to reflect on how it is informing your life or, if it has been forgotten about, how it can be revived! Over the next few weeks, the pupils' words will decorate the arch in the outside memorial area. As well as providing colour, they will remind us of our commitment to keep these words close to us each and every day.



Table Talk Topic for this week: Is the gap between the notes music? –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

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 5th February 2019

Safer Internet Day will soon be upon us and you'll need to be ready with your programme of activities. There are many terrific resources for pupils of all ages, and indeed parents. A series of videos has also been created.

You can find all the resources here (in English and Welsh): <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs>

The videos are here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/sid-tv-2019>

Safeguarding

Dogs in the school grounds- please be reminded that this is not permitted.

Cycling or scooting is not permitted due to safety of pedestrians on walk ways.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

Lost property

If you think you have left items in school, please enquire at the school office.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 11th January 2019

**Elephant Class - Gabriel B, Penguin Class - Evie B, Bee Class - Deisy D,
Reindeer Class - Oona L, Cheetah Class - Scarlet W, Giraffe Class - Maja D,
Meerkat Class - Ellie J, Horse Class - Aoife F, Owl Class - Ethan H**

Well done to all of the Stars of the week!