



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 12th June 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.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, each school greatly miss the children who are not currently in attendance and think about them each day together with their families. We are looking forward to the day when we are all back together again under Mary's roof.

The announcements this week told us that not all children would be in school before the summer holidays but it is up to each school to manage groups as capacity and risk assessment allows. Management continue to look at groups of pupils over the next week to assess if and how we can invite others to attend. Thank you for being patient with us so far as the staggered entry has been quite complex. We appreciate for many of you that the desire would be to have all children back in class and this is what we would hope for but guidance needs to be adhered too. Groups continue to be capped and strict "bubble" procedures remain in place. We will continue to update you with information for the remainder of this term and arrangements for September.

We also ask you to support the wellbeing of our community, staff and other families, especially with reference to children currently attending in school by ensuring that the appropriate social distancing happens outside of school hours. This supports the grouping restrictions in school and the risk assessments in place.

Hopefully the weekend will be fine for you to continue meeting family and friends outside.

Keeping you updated about the Governor's Fund

Thank you to the 304 (52%) families who have paid into the Governor's Fund, currently at £10,750 for this year. To donate to the Governor's Fund for those of you who still intend to please be reminded you may do so via Parentpay.

Spirituality

Sunday 14th June - The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord

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

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

We know that many of you may have these boxes at home which you were using during Lent. Like many charities, COVID 19 has had a huge impact on the fundraising of the Catholic Children's Society, yet their services are more in demand. If you still have your box at home, we are sure they would appreciate the contents now, more than ever. If you could drop your box to either school if your child is attending, or to the Infants' School if you are passing, or make the payment online to the CCS, we, and they, would be very grateful. Many thanks. <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/donate/> (The donation amount can be changed.)



Table Talk Topic for this week: - Say there is food that you don't like, but someone else does. Is that because it tastes different for you, or because you don't like the taste and the other person does?

News for the week

Message from all the staff at St. Mary's Catholic Federation, Carshalton

Please click on the link below to view the message from all the staff at St. Mary's Catholic Federation, Carshalton.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQXP6PzexWB-GnQwrFQC8PbufQff7tP7DsLmOOgstfwmjxhhkypt6BW298Zoiss-lmuTVRuiltOf6i6/embed?start=true&loop=true&delayms=3000#slide=id.g77539dd640_8_5

Please be advised that all existing school policies and safeguarding procedures remain in place. This includes the requirement to inform the school in writing of reasons for absence. The school will continue to contact parents each morning should your child be absent.

PE NEWS

All PE kits in all year groups will go home on a Friday to be washed. Please return them on a Monday for PE lessons. This term we are having 'Sports Personality of the Week' at the juniors, chosen by coach Niall, these children are selected for their perseverance and hard work in their PE lessons. Last week's Winner was Ruby, Y4 and this week is Alessia, Y6! Well done!!

Tuesday 23rd June CAFOD Summer of Hope

This summer, like never before, we are called to be signs of hope for our world. Our action for hope could mean fewer families have to ask: "How do I keep my child safe if we don't have water for handwashing?" So many things have changed this summer, but we intend to recreate at school (and we would love you to join in at home) some of the events we will all miss this summer. We want to have fun transforming them into a sign of hope through raising money for <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/School-fundraising/Summer-of-Hope>.



On Tuesday 23rd June, children will be able to wear a colourful t-shirt to school with their uniform. The day in school will look slightly different too.

School sports day has been cancelled, but we will have events in school in our bubbles with Coach Niall. Why not hold one in your back garden? We will give your ideas. Would you normally go to an air show? Perhaps we can make paper aeroplanes and see which travels the furthest? Everyone loves the cake stall at the summer fete. Why not try baking a new recipe on **Tuesday 23rd June** as part of **CAFOD Summer of Hope**. More ideas will follow.

However, you celebrate the summer, make it hopeful. And give what you can to help us to provide care and sanitation to the vulnerable across the world who need it the most by making a donation to **CAFOD Summer of Hope** at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/School-fundraising/Summer-of-Hope>. If each of our families were able to donate £2, **CAFOD Summer of Hope** would receive £1364 to bring hope to some of the most disadvantaged families in the world.

The Summer Reading Challenge is starting!



Sutton Library would like to challenge your pupils to complete the [Summer Reading Challenge online](#) this year, and [win a bicycle or cinema tickets in our prize draw](#), starting on Friday, June 5th with [lots of online activities](#).

Children who enjoy reading over the summer break will be at an advantage when they return to the classroom, and Sutton Libraries are planning to open a limited library service, where families and summer care facilities can safely order and collect a pack of books from their local library. Dates for library openings will be announced shortly.

There's no need to wait for start reading though, as we currently have a wonderful range of [books online through our six online library apps](#). Download the apps to find free books for all reading levels, including comics, early reading titles that read aloud, audiobooks and lots of popular children's titles.

How will the Summer Reading Challenge work this year?

Children sign up to our easy-to-use website and create their own profile at sillysquad.org.uk launching on the **5th June** with a day on online activities, and running until September 12th.

- They set their own challenge to read any amount of books in the summer, with children being encouraged to read anything that makes them happy – whether it be comics, joke books, poetry, fiction or non-fiction; in digital or print format; from library e-books to books they already have at home.
- Each time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. They are rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos, and a downloadable certificate when you complete your challenge.
- To win prizes such as a bike from Pearson's Bike shop or cinema tickets they also use their library card to [register for the Sutton Library Summer Prize Draw](#), and opt-in to have a printed certificate and a gift of books for the school library sent to their school in September.

There are more [resources for schools](#) and [for parents](#) on the Reading Agency site and please contact me if I can help in any way to make this summer a reading summer.