



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 12th November - Autumn 2 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.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are ticking off the weeks, we all have our fingers crossed that the celebration of Christmas will go ahead in school this year. The PTA have met to plan the return of the Christmas Trail that was so popular last year. This will be held on a Saturday using the Infant School as one of the check points, please look out for the information. Additional helpers would make it run more smoothly too.

Preparation for Nativity plays are going ahead too. We will need to put some measures in place that restrict numbers but at least we hope to include some family members to share in first hand joy this year .

Each school will also be enjoying Christmas craft days.

Please look out for dates on the newsletter calendar list over the next few weeks.

Each school has held open days for new admissions for September 2022. These have been well received. School role numbers in Sutton follow the same pattern as other London boroughs with a decline in places being applied for. Please encourage your friends and families to apply to our infant school. It is important to fill the places to enable the school to receive maximum funding. Your help in this would be much appreciated - thank you.

Spirituality Sunday 14th November 2021 33rd Sunday in Ordinary times



"I was in prison, and you came to see me..." (Matt. 25:36)

The Y6 Chaplaincy Team have been busy helping the Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust) elves by making posters, handing out donation envelopes to classes and raising awareness within school for our chocolate raffle in aid of the Operation Elf appeal (Christmas gift cards for prisoners' children). Staff have donated the chocolate, making this a whole school community fundraising effort. The deadline for the £2 donation (in the named envelope) is Monday 22nd November and the draw will be on Thursday 25th November. Thank you for your support for these often forgotten members of our community.

In their hymn practice time, the Junior pupils have been learning The Summons, by John Bell © 1987, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc. agent, the words of which are very apt. You may wish to take a moment of reflection by listening to it here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Db4DB3xY4IzLAdAUub3XduvCt1MnpDIV/view?usp=sharing>

News for the week

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 12.11.2021

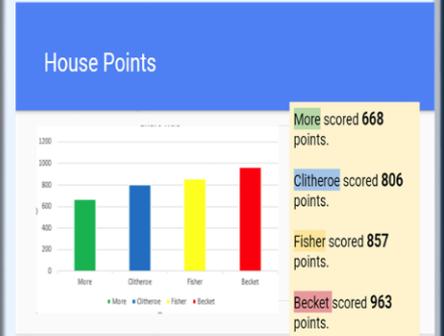
Infants Juniors
95.1% 94%

Our target is:
97.4%

Stars of the week

R Fox	Freddie P
R Squirrel	Kian U
R Hedgehog	Nicole - Gold F
1 Wren	Jaxon H
1 Sparrow	Luca G
1 Robin	Rose K
2 Jay	Grace A
2 Heron	Florence N
2 Woodpecker	Imogen B

House Points



Celebrating the Curriculum - Wonder and Discover

The school continues to review the curriculum and look for good links. The RE curriculum has for some time used the opening phrase of "I wonder". This enables children to think more deeply whilst exploring a range of views.

After much thought we are naming our whole school curriculum - 'Wonder and Discover'.

This falls in line with initiatives led by Pope Francis about looking after our most precious gift from God of our beautiful world. Children will be encouraged to wonder whilst promoting curiosity and a sense of awe.

By wondering this leads us to discover and reach outcomes following research and investigation.

Parents, we would love you to help and be involved; please try to include some of the same language when you are out and about to enable us to reinforce the intention of our curriculum; contributing to our excellent outcomes. The use of this element of language makes conversation inclusive and gives everyone an opportunity to join in too. Try it out over the weekend. Thank you

World Nursery Rhyme Week 2021 (15th - 19th November)

Nursery and Reception will be taking part in 'World Nursery Rhyme Week'. A different focus nursery rhyme will be sung with the children each day, alongside this we will sing other nursery rhymes and take part in rhyming activities.

Did you know that if a child knows 8 nursery rhymes from memory by the end of early years it supports them to be strong readers and spellers!

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to spend some time with your child listening to the 5 nursery rhymes that have been chosen for 'World Nursery Rhyme Week' but also perhaps nursery rhymes in your home language or others you enjoyed when you were younger.

Please take a look at the link below you will also find some fun interactive games under the resources

section. <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>

I hope you enjoy this lovely opportunity

Home School Agreements

Thank you to those families who have signed and returned these to the class teacher. We are aiming to have these all collected by Friday 19th December. The class returning them first will be rewarded with extra playtime.

Diversity

In this changing world, it is important that we nurture tolerance and mutual respect. Many people have been affected by the COVID problems - going forward we need to have a greater awareness to all people some who may have mental anxieties that have been increased. Let us be good Christians and show each of our neighbours mercy and love. As a school we will be outwardly demonstrating our understanding of others and their needs. We ask for your support please.

Remembrance Sunday

On Thursday, a group of children from the infant and junior school attended the two minute's silence at Carshalton War Memorial. The pupils lay a selection of beautiful words, artwork and a wreath and were led in prayer by Mrs Quinn. This was a moving experience and the children behaved impeccably.



Paul Scully

Paul Scully, MP for Sutton and Cheam, came into school to meet with a selection of our school council members. These children asked Mr Scully a series of questions about his role as an MP and the work that he does in the community. The pupils spent some time researching Mr Scully and asked a number of insightful and intelligent questions. This was a great opportunity for pupils to learn more about the role of an MP and how their work directly impacts our everyday lives.



Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/growing?pid=MTA101634&v=25.6>