



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 13th March 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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<https://opencheck.atomwide.com/default.aspx>

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your co-operation this week, it has been a week of high anticipation in light of the news reports about Coronavirus. The children are all being sensible in school, knowing what is needed to keep us healthy. We have all been busy trying to keep abreast of the daily guidelines and the school will continue to do this. Please look on the website for any updates. Let us hope the situation passes quickly and everything returns to normal ready for the Easter holidays.

We wish Miss Bryant good luck as she begins to make many wonderful memories as she starts her maternity leave today. Hopefully we will be the first to hear whether it's a boy or a girl!

Please keep the late Archbishop Peter Smith - Emeritus Archbishop of Southwark, in your prayers. Sadly, he passed away last weekend following a short illness. His body will be buried in the crypt at St Georges Cathedral on Monday 30th March. Although he never visited either of our schools, he very much had education at the centre of his remit. May he rest in peace.


Spirituality

Sunday 15th March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

We were saddened to hear of the death of Archbishop Peter Smith, Emeritus Archbishop of Southwark. I am sure you will join us in keeping him in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

In chaplaincy sessions this week, we reflected upon John 15:1-8 in which Jesus tells us that He is the vine and we are the branches. It is so important to keep close to God for him to guide and strengthen us. The irony is that as we have improved modern methods of communication, we often forget the simpler ways of being with the Lord, that of spending time in prayer, contemplation and silence. Lent is a good time to return to these ways and it is a joy to see so many of our young people doing just that in *Lectio Divina* and the Lent Tent.

 Table Talk Topic for this week: Should people care more about doing the right thing or doing things right?
- 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

Juniors - Mon 16th March - Year 4 Wider Opps
Juniors - Mon 16th March - Top of the Form away match (Culvers House)
Infants - Thurs 19th March - Elephant Class School Liturgy at 9am, enter via Gate 4.
Juniors - Thurs 19th March - Year 6 Copper Beech Preston Manor Trip
Juniors - Fri 20th March - Creativity Day
Juniors - Fri 20th March - No swimming this week

Sign of the Week

Please check the Parents and Carers room on Google Classroom for this week's 'Sign of the Week'.

Shorts Road

We have been informed that Shorts Road has been re-opened. Please be aware of this for safety reasons.

World Book Day was a great success - thank you for adapting to the change of day to Friday last week. All the children enjoyed the events of the day, particularly the book marathon, definitely a firm favourite where we shared 'George's Marvellous Medicine' in years 5 and 6 and 'The Magic Finger' in years 3 and 4. Please keep reading anytime, anywhere!

During our World Book Day assembly, we took part in a book character parade and within each class there was a winner for the most creative and resourceful costume...this was a particularly hard decision by some of the teacher judges! All the children looked brilliant!

Here are the winners from each class who received a book prize:

6O - Aoife, 6 CB - Mia, 6C - Finley
5B - Dominic, 5S - Olivier, 5E - Mateuz
4P - Kacper, 4R - Ellis, 4A - Cyryl
3M - Eliza, 3W - Isaac, 3H - Ksenia

Each child has been given a World Book Day token that they can exchange their book token for a book. Visit the World Book Day website link to have a look which books can be exchanged for the book

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>



Summer Dress Code

As the colder months are drawing to a close, please can we remind all parents of our 'summer dress code', which is available on our website.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 13th March 2020

**Elephant Class - Lucas L, Penguin Class - Oliver G, Bee Class - Marcus S,
Reindeer Class - Ava K, Cheetah Class - Alicia M, Giraffe Class - William B,
Meerkat Class - Hannah S, Horse Class - Edoardo S, Owl Class - Mia C**
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!