



Weekly Newsletter-Friday 14th June

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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,

We have had and continue to have a busy few weeks and weekends. Many families have been enjoying the First Holy Communion celebrations and these will be carrying on over the next few weeks.

Year five have enjoyed their outdoor activity day and will be spending the night "Under Canvas" tonight in the school grounds. You may even hear the singing renditions around the fire when passing this evening!

We wish Year 6 a safe and fabulous time exploring the Isle of Wight and hope Mrs Owens manages to bottle her lasting happy memories as it's her last of 22 years on this trip.

Reception Class have all visited the Natural History Museum this week and enjoyed the amazing exhibits. We still have a number of weeks before the summer break and in between a variety of activities, active learning continues.

Sadly, we need your help: we continue to hear of entries on Facebook and What's App that are most distasteful. Names of children and the school may not be mentioned but people know when these comments are about us as a family. We have many parents feeling upset and have asked for a message to go out asking you to stop this practice. It is against school policy and not supporting our Gospel values.

Spirituality


Sunday 16th June - Most Holy Trinity

Morning reflection is issued every week by our Chaplain and is available on the school's website:

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

On Monday Y6 had their retreat day at Holy Family Church. Despite the heavy and persistent rain, our spirits were not dampened. Throughout the day pupils had opportunities to reflect upon their own faith journeys, their time at St. Mary's and the opportunities and challenges they will face in their new schools. They heard Pope Francis' words that they are the "now of God" and his call for young people to be truly themselves and not a photocopy of someone else.

They also heard about Jean Vanier, the founder of the L'Arche Community, and listened to inspirational words from him as he spoke about how to deal with the negative pressures which confront us. He urged young people to "allow yourself to listen to your dream and also discover the dream of God, the dream of Jesus, the dream that we shall all be one and can love each other, whatever our religion, whatever our culture, we can be people working for oneness, for peace." With Christ at the centre of everything we do, that can become a reality.

 Table Talk Topic for this week - What makes a house a home? 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

Children need maximum learning opportunities

Getting your child to school really **matters**. Did you know.....

If you child's attendance during the school...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately
Was 95%	9 days from school	50 lessons
Was 90%	19 days from school	100 lessons
Was 85%	29 days from school	150 lessons
Was 80%	38 days from school	200 lessons
Was 75%	48 days from school	250 lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

School Uniform Policy

It is the responsibility of parents to adhere to school policy. It is not fair to children who are given none school uniform to wear in school. Children need to be feel secure in their learning environment and as parents it is your responsibility to ensure this happens for each of them. Part of this is to know that they have the correct equipment and full school uniform and this includes a plain navy coat. We have seen pupils coming into school this week without coats.

Year 5 Transition Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to our coffee morning, where we will be discussing the upcoming Year 5 transition into Secondary school.

Our coffee morning will be on Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 9am - 10am, we look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like to attend, please email knicol3@suttonmail.org confirming your attendance.

Home School Agreements

We would like to thank all those who have completed the Home School Agreements and handed them back to the school. Due to some that are still outstanding from September we will be requesting parents to return them within the first two weeks. These are important documents to reflect the work we do together.

Choir Summer Fete - Saturday 6th July

A reminder to all choir members at the Infant and Junior school that they will be performing at the Summer Fete Saturday 6th July at 11:15am. Please meet at 11am at the front of the Infant's school for warming up. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 14th June 2019

**Elephant Class - Miryam Q, Penguin Class - , Bee Class - Helena O
Reindeer Class - Grace D, Cheetah Class - Ethan J, Giraffe Class - Lara N,
Meerkat Class - Sophia S, Horse Class - Charlton N, Owl Class - Jeremiah O
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!**