



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 15th November

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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,

The Christmas songs have started!

You will see the dates and times on the calendar of the many Christmas events.

The PTA have everything in hand too in preparation for the Christmas Fayres, meetings have been held this week with good attendance from parents showing their support. A reminder will be sent that lists items to donate- many of which can be purchased at the discount stores. Any contributions will be much appreciated. Thank you in anticipation of these events being a huge success.

Each school showed their respect on Remembrance Day this week that included displays of poppies as a visible bouquet of thoughts and sympathy. It is important that we keep this tradition in our families to think about those who gave and continue to give their lives to keep our country one of freedom and mutual respect.

Spirituality

Sunday 17th November - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

This year we will again be taking part in **#RedWednesday on Wednesday 27th November 2019**. This is organised by an international charity called Aid to the Church in Need <https://acnuk.org/> and they help millions of people every year. They stand up for people who are forgotten, and they make a stand for the things that everyone should have: justice, peace and freedom to be whatever religion you want to be without risking persecution. On **#RedWednesday** we invite the children to show support by wearing one item of red clothing (eg socks /tights /ribbon/ scarf), to pray the Angelus at 12 o'clock in school and to have a minute's silence afterwards. This is to show our solidarity with those who are suffering and to make a stand for faith and freedom. We know that thousands of other people will be doing this at the same time as us, so we will be united in our prayers. There will be the opportunity to make red stickers for those who do not have an item of red to wear.

Look out for buildings, which are lit up red for **#RedWednesday**: last year these included the Houses of Parliament in London, the Colosseum in Rome and the Vatican.

OT Table Talk Topic for this week - **Is it possible to ever stop thinking?** 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

Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal

Thank you for your many donations to the Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal. We have lots of things to put in the backpacks, enough to fill about 70, but we have only got 20 backpacks so far. If you are able to spare a large backpack, please send it into school as soon as possible. Please note, bags do need to be the standard size and not the smaller kiddie version, as the following items need to go inside; notepad, pencil case, shorts/skirt & t-shirt (or summer dress), flip flops, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, small ball, spoon, towel.

Please can we remind all parent's that **no children should be left in the Junior school playground before 8.35am unsupervised. Please also remember no dogs are allowed on the school site!**

PE Kit

Children need to have full PE kit in school each day. This should include uniform grey sweatshirt and jogging trousers. Girls need to bring spare socks to replace the times when tights are worn. PE lessons go ahead at all times and cover outdoor games even when it is chilly. A list of uniform requirements is on the school prospectus, which can be found on the website.

Big Book Boost

Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with us over £10, we'll donate £1 to a school of your choice for them to spend on books! With your help, we aim to donate 1 MILLION BOOKS to UK Schools by 2022.

Now every time one a parent, their families, a friend of the school or even an ex-student places an online order with us over £10, the Book People will **donate £1 to OUR school** to spend on books.

Here's how you can get going on boosting a school's book budget;

Visit the Book People's website:

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>. Choose a school and then simply start shopping! Once you're ready to check out, you can either login or set up your account and off you go!

Changes to pick up's

Please can any changes to your child's collection details be communicated to the Office staff by 2.30pm, unless in an emergency. Calls of this nature after this time cannot be actioned.

Poppy Day Memorial

Thank you for making wonderful poppies. As a school, we went outside, gathered around a field of poppies for a 2-minute silence, which was very memorable. We listened to songs to remember those lost and to show our appreciation. Each class spent time learning about the special occasion and reflecting. We discussed the different colour poppies to remember not only the soldiers but the animals too.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 15th November 2019

Reindeer Class - Evie B, Cheetah Class - Giulia O, Giraffe Class - Alexa-rose T, Meerkat Class - Elodie C, Horse Class - Reuben D, Owl Class - Beatrice B

Well done to all of the Stars of the week!