



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 17th January 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,

We have enjoyed a good start to the spring term at school and so have St Mary's PTA arranging many events for both adults and families. Thank you to Year 5 parents for attending the meeting last week although the weather was wet and very windy. Each year group are busy planning for a variety of learning experiences this coming term as well as being prepared for PAR meetings, keep an eye on Google postings.

100% attendance certificates will be given out next week as well as the routine information letters about low attendance for parents to review.


Due to many ongoing issues about lack of correct items of school uniform, including PE kit, we will now be sending personalised notes home with children as a reminder of school expectations, we look forward to your ongoing cooperation in this matter to support the high standards at St Mary's. Thank you

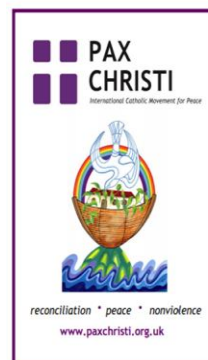
Spirituality

Sunday 19th January - 2nd 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 Sunday is Peace Sunday, a day when we are encouraged to reflect upon Pope Francis' World Peace Day message and on how we can bring peace and healing to our own communities. The Scriptures guide us and can help us both to forgive and be forgiven. As Pope Francis writes, *'We are guided by the Gospel passage that tells of the following conversation between Peter and Jesus: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven" (Mt 18:21-22). This path of reconciliation is a summons to discover in the depths of our heart the power of forgiveness and the capacity to acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters. When we learn to live in forgiveness, we grow in our capacity to become men and women of peace.'*

 Table Talk Topic for this week: - What colour is sad? What colour is happy? 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.



Loving God of peace,
Strengthen my determination to work for a world of peace and justice;
My conviction that, whatever our nationality or race, we are all global citizens, one in Christ;
My courage to challenge the powerful with the values of the gospel;
My commitment to find nonviolent ways of resolving conflict—personal, local, national and international;
My efforts to forgive injuries and to love those I find it hard to love.
Amen

'Peace alone is holy. Peace alone is holy. Not war.' **Pope Francis**

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News for the week

Next week's upcoming dates

Both Schools - Mon 23rd Jan at 9am at the Infants - PTA Coffee Morning
Infants - Mon 23rd Jan at 9am - Owls Class Liturgy (Parents to enter via gate 4)
Juniors - Mon 23rd Jan at 9am - 4 Poplar Class Assembly (Parents welcome)
Juniors - Mon 23rd Jan - Children only Faith in Action Group
Juniors - Weds 29th Jan - Learning Journal 'Note' Due Out
Infants - Thurs 30th Jan at 9am Giraffe Class Liturgy (Parents to enter via gate 4)
Juniors - Thurs 30th Jan at 9am - 5 Birch Assembly (Parents welcome)

How to check if the school is open

To check during bad weather if the school is open, please use the link below to Open Check.
<https://opencheck.atomwide.com/default.aspx>

Extra spaces for Thursday's Sports Active Coaching

The link is below:
<http://sportsactivecoaching.co.uk/active-schools/clubs/>
and when you click on the link please scroll down until you see the required afterschool club.

Sign of the Week

Please check your Google Classroom for this week's 'Sign of the Week'.

Reminder to be vigilant around the lake bed area in St. Philomena's grounds. Please refrain from going on the grass or using the 'cut through path'.

Holiday Club

Sadly, due to staff availability there will be no holiday club this February half term. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

E-Safety

Safer Internet Day 2020 will be celebrated globally with the theme: Together for a better internet on Tuesday 11th February.

Here are some conversation starters for you about safety -

Talk about safety

Do you know where to go for help, where to find safety advice and how to use safety tools on your favourite apps and games?

What is okay/not okay to share online? Why?

What could you do if you saw a friend online needed some help or support?

Help me!
Can your child show you how to do something better/safer online?

How do you stay safe online? What tips do you have and where did you learn them?

Here are some great E-Safety links -

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/>

<http://www.internetmatters.org/>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

<http://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.common sense media.org/>



Stars of the Week - Week ending 19th January 2020

Elephant Class - Farrah N, Penguin Class - Finley H, Bee Class - Zofia L
Reindeer Class - Ben W, Cheetah Class - Miryam Q, Giraffe Class - Amelie S,
Meerkat Class - Maya L, Horse Class - Sean H, Owl Class - Rocco R
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!