



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 19th March - Spring 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,

The schools are getting back to some form of a normal routine and hopefully you are all enjoying yours too without having to prepare for lessons at home. We are delighted to have the children back but also very pleased for you in being able to catch up with your work commitments unencumbered. You all did amazingly well and the majority of children show much promise of being able to adapt to school learning again. Thank you all for this valuable support.

Thank you also for still keeping your distance and not approaching staff in person but we really appreciate you waving to us from afar. We want to start to plan for events where we can have face to face conversations and reinstall our pre COVID events but not for a while yet. We follow the news reporting the COVID numbers but we still have a few more weeks to wait.

The PTA are hoping to start planning again for more community experiences to come. Look out for the communications.

Mrs Hulme represented St Mary's at the funeral for Fr Paul on Monday. Although we miss him greatly, the Mass and celebration for his eternal life was beautiful. He was an amazing gentleman who shared so much compassion and love to those less fortunate. Our tribute to him would be very fitting if we were to do the same and practise great tolerance and understanding of each other especially for those who need the simple acts of Christianity as we may be the only person to offer that on any day.

Dear Father in Heaven, please grant Fr Paul eternal rest.



Spirituality

Sunday 21st March - 5th Sunday of Lent

This week we have celebrated some notable days: St. Patrick on 17th March and St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 19th March. We ask both of these saints to intercede for us.

St. Joseph,

Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Patron saint of fathers, workers, travellers, immigrants & unborn children.

Pope Francis has declared this Church year to be the year of St. Joseph. In his letter *Patris Corde*, the Holy Father describes St. Joseph as a person who listened, accepted difficult news, trusted, obeyed, worked hard, lived simply and lived quietly. He is an example for us all.



*Blessed Saint Joseph,
God trusted you with his only Son, Jesus.*

Mary placed her trust in you.

You protected both Mary and Jesus in the most difficult of times.

Blessed Joseph, guide us in the path of life,

That we may be people who listen to and trust in God.

Help us to follow your example and work hard in the service of others.

And to live simply. AMEN

St. Patrick

Bishop, Missionary and Patron Saint of
Ireland
(385 - 461)



*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.*

*Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

(from the breastplate of St. Patrick)



 Table Talk Topic for this week - Where do words go after you have heard them?



Stars of the Week - Week ending 19th March 2021

R Hedgehog Class - Michael M & Leonardo P, R Fox Class - Adam A & James W,

R Squirrel Class - Maria A & Dexter M

1 Wren Class - Ivy M, 1 Robin Class - Florence N, 1 Sparrow Class - Maja W,

2 Woodpeckers Class - Daniel G, 2 Heron Class - Mija-Ray L, 2 Jay Class - Bhadra P

Well done to all of the Stars of the week!



News for the week

For information regarding testing for children and families at home, please click on the link below;
[Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff](#)

Free School Meals

You may be eligible to receive Free School Meals* for your child provided you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit. To check if you are eligible for this entitlement please apply online using the following link to Sutton Council's website:
[Apply here for Free School Meals](#)

Birthday Sweets/Cakes

Please remember that no birthday sweets/cakes are allowed to be brought into school. Thank you.

EASTER DRAWING COMPETITION

Due to the success of all the lovely art around the village it's now time to have a bit of Easter fun 🐰. To be in with a chance of winning a fabulous Easter Hamper all you have to do is send us in your finest Easter themed artwork along with an email address or phone number.

The lucky winner will be chosen by Des Keogh of Chipsmith's Fish & Chips on Saturday 27th March. We have also been donated some runner up prizes from Sainsbury's (thank you).

Drawings can be delivered to The Greyhound Hotel, Chipsmith's or Roast & Ground before Friday 26th March. Please don't forget your all-important contact details

Scooters

We once again ask parents to supervise the younger children in the school grounds. Scooting and cycling is not permitted in the school grounds due to safety reasons, particularly not on the road ways.

Keep our children safe.

Skipping World Record - Update

It's been a busy week in school as we've all been trying to accumulate seconds skipped to help to try and beat the world record! For lots of children (and adults!) they've had a challenge to get their skipping skills back up to scratch and for others it was a completely new experience and challenge. Either way everyone seems to have enjoyed the challenge. We've submitted our scores and we'll let you know how we've got on.

