



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter - Tuesday 19th May 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.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs. S Hulme **Nursery & Infant School:** Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputy: Mrs. S Hulme **Safeguarding Governor:** Mr. T Richmond

To check if the school is open in bad weather, please use the link below to Open Check.

<https://opencheck.atomwide.com/default.aspx>

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that families are still managing the varying degrees of lockdown with minor changes coming into play each week. It's good to be able meet up with one more family member or friend in the open air - that feels like a huge treat but then it may help us to value each other even more.

The schools were all waiting to see what the government up date would be over the weekend regarding children returning to school. We continue to care for children and keyworkers in school in addition to other named groups. If accommodation and staffing allow we will allocate a few more places if we are able as the workforce gradually returns to their place of work.

In addition to this we will be offering initially places to the year group of Reception and Year 6 to start on 1st June. However, this still depends on the information from the government. From then we hope to introduce other year groups when it is safe and manageable. A further letter of explanation will be sent out in the next couple of days. Learning grids will continue to be maintained until the end of the summer term. The school is completing a very comprehensive risk assessment which the governors will also review ensure that the school has the relevant safety measures in place.

As we are now moving into the heights of summer we are blessed with the lovely weather. Let's celebrate this gift and opportunity to make the most of outdoors, walking, cycling, picnicking, gardening and just relaxing. It's quite amazing that summer half term is nearly upon us with only a few short weeks remaining of the current school year. We have missed the many school social activities normally held at this time of the year.

Spirituality

Sunday 17th May - 6th Sunday of Easter

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

Please remember there are several resources posted in to the Google classrooms each week, e.g. Ten family Sunday liturgy at home, at home assembly, daily prayers & many other things as well. We hope they're helpful? Also the Cathedral Masses for carers, which take place every Thursday at 7pm are also posted into the Google classrooms too.

 Table Talk Topic for this week Can you love someone too much? :- 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

Information for the next academic year

Transfer details will be shared in quite a different way this year. Please keep an eye on the school website under admissions for information in the coming weeks.

Transfer to high school information will be posted on their own websites.

Food bank

Thank you to those who continue to drop of items of sealed food to be distributed to families in need. This is most appreciated.

Sutton School Nursing - Duty Line

The Sutton School Nurses have set up a duty School Nurse line to enable telephone contact for parents and young people to offer support at this time.

To contact the school Nurse duty telephone line, please call: 0208 770 5409

Sutton School Nursing website: <http://www.suttonchildhealth.co.uk/>

Spring cleaning

When you are clearing out - please remember to put all your unwanted shoes and clothes in to a secure bag and drop it at the infants.

We still have Bertie Bin to fill.

Meditation resources for you

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) supports the material, relational and spiritual wellbeing of children and young people. During the Coronavirus crisis they have collaborated with the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) to develop a series of videos on meditation which children and young people can participate in, whether in school or at home.

The Primary series are released each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Secondary series are released on Tuesdays and some Thursdays. They have just started to make them available and publicise them.

The videos can be accessed at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6Cb5LrAIU7_MPTRDMUBcvQ?view_as=subscriber or through the Catholic Children's Society website at <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/meditation-with-children-young-people/>

WCCM teaches meditation in the spirit of serving the unity of all and caring for all members of the human family. Meditation provides a contemplative path for life's journey, which may be especially helpful during the current crisis. The World Community for Christian Meditation can be found at <https://www.wccm.org> and <http://acontemplativepath-wccm.org> where you can explore who they are and what they do.