



# Weekly Newsletter-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February

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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,

The snow came as predicted making the school grounds look pretty but thankfully not causing too much havoc. Hopefully everyone will enjoy the brightness of the landscape over the weekend without any hardship or accidents to our families.

The maths workshops have been really popular, thank you to parents who joined us. We have these in school time enabling you to work alongside your children, which does seem a more successful method. We will continue to look for more similar opportunities throughout the year.

You have all now had notification about PAR appointments. We have looked at the format again for this year with the intention of giving you the clearest information to enable you to fully support your child. A further information sheet will be sent out prior to the consultations. As a reminder, this fulfils one of our statutory obligations and you will also have an invite to attend at the end of the summer term to discuss the final written report. However if you do have queries in between these times please do make an appointment with the class teacher via the school office.

Thank you to those parents who support the school in keeping to our uniform policy. Pupils need to adhere to the expectations for all hats scarves and gloves too. [Infant School Uniform](#) [Junior School Uniform](#)

## Spirituality

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Week 4 of Ordinary time

Morning reflection is issued every week by our Chaplain and is available on both schools websites <http://www.stmarysjunior.org.uk/spirituality.php> <http://www.stmarysinfchool.org.uk/spirituality.php>

This week, at the juniors, began with an assembly about our Saints of the Week: St John Bosco and St Thomas Aquinas. If you would like to know more, here is a short film you may enjoy. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rXZxoLCkes>. There are many cartoons online too.

Staff at both schools have had training on Godly Play as an approach to teaching in RE lessons. Your children may tell you about the wooden people, felt circles and building blocks, which are used to help gain a deeper understanding of the scriptures shared in school. The creator of Godly Play describes it like this:

*"In most religious education children are told who God is. In Godly Play children discover who God is." We hope it will have a real impact on the Spirituality in our schools.*



Table Talk Topic for this week: Are clouds in, under, or above the sky? – 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

### Junior – Reading Competition!

At St. Mary's Junior School, we have launched a reading competition called 'Read, Read, Read!' where we are all now competing for the Reading trophy at the end of each half term. We are working together in classes to read the most books each half term. Each Friday, the numbers of books we have read in each class will be added to the book chart where we will be able to keep an update on which class is leading with their reading power!

We wish every class the best of luck and we look forward to everyone exchanging their favourite parts of the books they are reading with one another! If children are stuck for ideas on what to read, there will be reading lists for lower school (years 3 and 4) and upper school (years 5 and 6) posted on Google Drive next week in each Google classroom.

### Chaplaincy News

Reception's class chaplaincy sessions this week were a reflection on the meaning of the tricky, and sometimes old-fashioned, words of the Our Father. We learnt some actions to help us remember these words and their meaning. You might want to ask them why we had a hard hat on the focal area!

### Reminder!

Please update the School office with any address/telephone/email details. Thank you

### Reminder!

SMIF & FSMs Coffee Morning on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9am, taking place in the Infant School

### Computing and PSHE

Safer Internet Day 2019 will take place on Tuesday 5th February with the theme 'Together for a better internet'. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of schools and organisations join together to raise awareness of online safety issues and run events and activities right across the UK. Find out more and get involved! [www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk) #SaferInternetDay2019



Years 5 and 6 will be having workshops with Steve Welding - Education E safety advisor, Sutton Education Services on Wednesday 6th February to discuss how we can keep safe online while Years 3 and 4 will be discussing E-Safety through the story 'Goldilocks - A hashtag cautionary tale' followed by a quiz.

This relates to our current key topic in PSHE lessons throughout the Junior School, which is 'Keeping Safe'. In the workshop, children will develop strategies for keeping safe online alongside what they have learnt about keeping safe at school and in the local community.

Early Years will be reading a story called 'Digi Ducks Big Decision.' The children will have the opportunity to listen and then discuss the story.

Years 1 and 2 will be watching a video based on e-safety called 'Lim and Kim's adventures'. The children will have the opportunity to watch and discuss the video.



## **Stars of the Week – Week ending 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019**

**Elephant Class** - Jeremiah.B, **Penguin Class** - Brian.L, **Bee Class** - Amelie.S  
**Reindeer Class** - Ella-Mae.M, **Cheetah Class** - Isla.M, **Giraffe Class** - Gabriel.D,  
**Meerkat Class** — Ruby.P, **Horse Class** - Flynn.W, **Owl Class** - Gabriella.V

**Well done to all of the Stars of the week!**