



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter-Friday 1st March

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Executive Headteacher, Mrs S Hulme. Chair of Governors, Mr B Tomkins

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,

Once again, we would like to thank you for your contributions to the PAR meetings at each school. Hopefully you have found some time to work on the support agreed together to extend your child's learning opportunities at home.

Thank you for the tremendous response to the annual survey too, if you didn't manage to complete it on the night you can still send it into school. We value your thoughts, which help us to shape the future of our community.

Many of you will have seen the re furbished dining hall at the junior school, the children were very excited to be able to use it and have commented how bright and airy it is. The land in front of the kitchen will be developed into an area of quiet reflection in line with that outdoors at the infant school.

Spirituality

Sunday 3rd March - Week 8 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>

The Y6 Faith in Action team would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported their fundraising activities this week: for your donations of cakes - and buying them again! - and for buying a Lenny the Hospice Lion raffle ticket.

We raised £160.93 for Mary's Meals, which will be doubled by the government to £321.86. The money raised for Mary's Meals will feed 23 children for a school year! Something to be really proud of! Well done!

The raffle raised £87.00 for St. Raphael's Hospice. Lenny now has a new home with Isobelle B in 6 Chestnut.

These really are fantastic amounts, which will make a big difference to improve the lives of people both in our local community and around the world. Thank you everyone.



Table Talk Topic for this week: When things are boring, is it because of IT, or because of YOU? – 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.

A prayer for Mary's Meals

Our Father,
give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us for the times
when we take more than our
share of the bread that belongs
to all.

Let us help You fill the starving
with good things not with scraps
from our table.

Teach us how to share what is
not ours to keep.
Clothe us with Your love that we
make complete each good work
You created us to do.

Place in our hearts Your
compassion for each starving
child and use our little acts of
love so that they starve no
more.
Amen.

News for the week

The New Mission Statement for the Federation

Dear Parents and Carers,
Please take time to read the draft Mission Statement below with your child and discuss the meaning of the statement and if you feel there should be any changes? Please email your comments into the office, where we will take on board all of your contributions.

At St Mary's we know that Jesus loves us. We seek to share and give witness to God's love, so that every child believes, as they **grow**, that the **love of Jesus** is always with them.

Sharing our love in school enables us to live the Gospel: 'Love one another' John 1

We believe each child is unique and should feel loved. We pride ourselves on the supportive **learning** we offer at St Mary's, where we aim to meet the needs of every child so that they can meet their full potential. In our community, lessons happen indoors and outside, at home, in school and in our parishes. Children are valued as individuals and they work hard. We pride ourselves on the progress they make.

St Mary's is a welcoming school, so we love coming to school: working and **playing** together as friends. We are a telling school. This means we keep each other safe, we share and we are kind.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Both Schools

Junior children will be going to Mass on Ash Wednesday and Infant children will receive ashes from Father Paul in school.

Best wishes to Mrs White who will be leaving us next week- May she enjoy her new life with best wishes from all at St Marys

LENT - Both Schools

As we approach the Season of Lent, we are once again supporting the Catholic Children's Society Lenten Appeal. Collection boxes will be going home and we would ask for your support for this very worthwhile charity. Please return the boxes after the Easter holiday.

Keeping the enjoyment of reading alive!

Each school wish to re-open an opportunity for parents and grandparents to come into school to support the enjoyment of reading- we are currently looking at afternoon sessions. If you wish to volunteer then please send an email to the school office for the attention of Mr Pratsis (infant school) and Miss Sullivan (junior school). Once we have an interested group, we would then need to look at who holds a current DBS and how we would assign to year groups. Best practice would be to hear children's reading who are not in your child's class. Once we have the information we would, look at holding a preparation session too.

Safeguarding of children.

After numerous requests, we are hearing that some parents are still not being considerate of the safety of our children. Reports have come in that cars are pulling off the road at the gates on Pound Street for drop off which is a safety issue for pedestrians.

If this continues, we will have no alternative but to publish the make and registration of these vehicles. Please help us to keep children safe.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 1st March 2019

**Elephant Class - Sienna Z, Penguin Class - Clare Z, Bee Class - Ekow-Ansah A
Reindeer Class - Rocco M, Cheetah Class - Lucas V, Giraffe Class - Amelia T,
Meerkat Class - Isaac S, Horse Class - Aoife M, Owl Class - Juno W
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!**