



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 20th March 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.

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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,

Firstly, we hope that families are keeping well and have been able to secure enough shopping for their daily needs. It's a very concerning time for everyone in our close environment and for those who have family abroad.

We thank all staff who take care of the children in schools as well as those who work in other service industries; the hospital workers, the police service and many, many other key workers.

Thank you to the families in our own community who have shown great support and consideration towards the staff in school who have continued to work for the wellbeing of our children. The next few weeks may be tough but hopefully you will continue to care for each other by deed and prayer.

Going forward we have no idea what the near future will hold in school but we will continue to try to keep up regular communications as well as we can. We would also ask that you too would keep in touch with school especially if any family is in crisis or suffers sadness during the general school closure. Please use the usual school emails as these will be checked.

Please continue to check Google classrooms for work prepared by class teachers for the next two weeks.

Please look after each other and remember to stay close to Our Father in Heaven each day as written in the Gospel

Spirituality

Sunday 22nd March - 4th Sunday of Lent

Weekly reflection is issued by our Chaplain and is available on the school's website:

<https://www.smcsc.org.uk/spirituality.php>

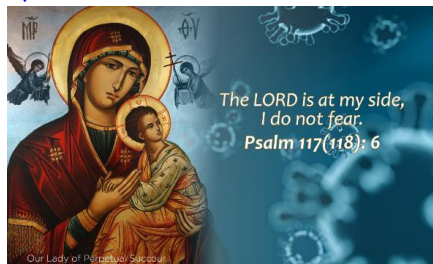


Table Talk Topic for this week: Are clouds in, under or above the sky? - Just a reminder, that we have a Prayer intention book in the Reception area of each school. Please feel free to write your intentions in as you wish. Thank you to those who have added to it. Please take the time to read it when visiting the school.

News for the week

Next week's upcoming dates

All dates are now cancelled

Sign of the Week

Please check the Parents and Carers room on Google Classroom for this week's 'Sign of the Week'.

Food Bank Collection

Dear Parents and Carers,

In times of uncertainty it is often the poorest and most vulnerable who are affected the most. Over recent days, I am sure you have all experienced difficulties in finding some basic supplies in the supermarkets. It is not surprising, therefore, that the food supplies in food banks is now very low.

Food banks are particularly badly affected because they are being hit twice - donations from the public are significantly lower than usual whilst the shortage of supermarket stock means that the banks themselves are unable to purchase the shortfall.

As a consequence, we are asking if your child could please bring in a small item of dry or tinned food from your cupboards which will be shared, via the food bank at St. Philomena's High School for Girls, with those in need in our community. This extra food collection is a recognition of the extraordinary times in which we are living and is an act of love, which demonstrates our solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than we are.

In moments of struggle, the gap between those that 'have' and those that 'have not' tends to widen. From the Scriptures we learn that the justice of a society is tested and judged by its treatment of the poor, (Matt.25:31-46). The preferential option for the poor and vulnerable is a key element of Catholic Social Teaching and I trust you will respond generously to this appeal.

With many thanks and the assurance of prayers,

Mrs Norbury

Lay Chaplain

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/>

Volunteer Centre Sutton

020 8661 5900

<https://vcsutton.org.uk/volunteer/covid-19-registration-for-volu-2/>

Berty Bin

As you use time for spring cleaning - remember to feed Berty Bin with recyclable items, situated on the playground at the infants.

Google Help / Explanations

Your teacher would have spoken with your child regarding how to use Google Classrooms, if you need any help please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 20th March 2020

**Elephant Class - Reece M, Penguin Class - Izabella K, Bee Class - Frank K,
Reindeer Class - Leon R, Cheetah Class - Alexa-Rose T, Giraffe Class - Esme R,
Meerkat Class - Nathan B, Horse Class - Sadie K, Owl Class - Mia K**

Well done to all of the Stars of the week!