



# Weekly Newsletter-Friday 21st June

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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,

Going forward as a school we continue to look at the broader aspects of the curriculum, activities that have been enjoyed recently certainly fulfil that remit including year 5 sleeping over in tents last weekend and year 6 making the most of being on the Isle of Wight enjoying the beach and the outdoors with not even a peep about wanting a television screen or computer. The children in the infants have taken a range of lessons outside to enjoy the brighter weather in between the showers. Apart from the consideration of wellbeing for both pupils and adults, we need to make the most of the beauty of the world that was provided by God and be thankful each day.

The next big event on our agenda as a whole school is the summer fayre. The committee are once again busy behind the scenes and are asking for help. If you know you are available on the day to set up in the morning or the previous day after school would you please email Ms Nicol , we need a lot if help to put up tables and gazebos.

Please make the best of our summer and continue to promote relaxation time outdoors and cut screen time for all the family at home to promote a healthier lifestyle for all.

Good luck to the children who are representing St Mary's tonight at Westcroft sports centre in the swimming gala

## Spirituality

## Sunday 23rd June - Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord

Morning reflection is issued every week by our Chaplain and is available on the school's website:

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

Throughout the year 23 pupils in Year 6 and past pupils in Years 7 and 9 have been participating in the CYMFED (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation) Faith in Action scheme. Their submissions for moderation have come in a variety of mediums (poetry, collage, artwork, origami to name just a few) and are all inspirational reflections on their journey in faith this year. We look forward to receiving the moderators' comments and celebrating these young people's efforts and achievements later in the term.

Junior classes concluded their reconciliation topic in RE this week. It has been wonderful to learn, alongside the children, about those who have shown forgiveness in our community. Y4 were particularly shocked that Pope John Paul II not only met the man who had shot him in 1981, but then forgave him! Real life examples like this really help the children to see faith in action and talking about our feelings, good and bad, is so valuable.

 Table Talk Topic for this week - If children ruled the world, what differences might we see?

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

### Children need maximum learning opportunities

Getting your child to school really **matters**. Did you know.....

If you child's attendance during the school...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately
Was 95%	9 days from school	50 lessons
Was 90%	19 days from school	100 lessons
Was 85%	29 days from school	150 lessons
Was 80%	38 days from school	200 lessons
Was 75%	48 days from school	250 lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.

**Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity**

### Governor's Fund

Each year we ask you to contribute to the Governors' Fund and we would like to thank all of you who have responded already with great generosity. In a Catholic Voluntary Aided School, Governors are responsible for 10% of the cost of most repairs and improvements to the school buildings. As you may imagine with ever-increasing costs, this becomes quite a burden. We, therefore, ask for your support in helping to maintain the excellent standards at St Mary's by donating at least £30.00 per family, per school.

Payment can now be made either on line at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) or by cash at any Paypoint retailer by requesting a paypoint letter at the school office.

### Mufti Day - Both schools – 5<sup>th</sup> July

Infants - please bring in sweets (not chocolate) in payment for Mufti Day.

Juniors – please bring in bottles in payment for Mufti Day

### Choir Summer Fete - Saturday 6th July

A reminder to all choir members at the Infant and Junior school that they will be performing at the Summer Fete Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 11:15am.

Please meet at 11am at the front of the Infant's school for warming up. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### Returning of Library Books

Please could all library books be returned by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, so we can do a stock check. Thank you

### Woodcote Garden Vouchers

When visiting Woodcote Garden Centre, please do not forget to collect your Woodcote garden vouchers for the school, which will benefit the children and the gardens.

Thank you in advance.



### **Stars of the Week - Week ending 21st June 2019**

**Elephant Class - Gabriella, Penguin Class - Milena & Bernasia, Bee Class - Sebastien**

**Reindeer Class - Zac, Cheetah Class - Aleksander , Giraffe Class - Harriet,**

**Meerkat Class - Ruby, Horse Class - Mike, Owl Class - Emily**

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