



# Weekly Newsletter - Friday 22nd November

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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. S Hulme and Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each school has enjoyed really useful experiences this week. Police officers who cover our Council Ward have been working with the children - Year 6 group were very excited to be monitoring the speed of the local traffic- hope none of the drivers from our families were identified as driving over the limit. Working alongside community workers is of huge benefit to young people in understanding our British values to be respected especially when it comes to road safety.

Mrs Hulme also met with Ms Noone from St Philomena's High School and Councillor Batt. The reason for the meeting was to discuss the problems of local traffic around our schools and the impact on road safety, as well as the level of air quality that is affecting us all. We continue to ask parents to park and ride to minimise the congestion around the schools at drop off time and showing greater respect to our local neighbours who we have regular correspondence from regarding inconsiderate parking. We also have reports from parents of our families being verbally abusive which makes us all ashamed.

Life is busy and pressurised but we need to set the best of examples to our children in behaviour and taking care of our wonderful world, whilst living the Gospel values.

## Spirituality

## Sunday 24th November - Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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

In their Chaplaincy Sessions Y1 and Y2 have been thinking about Pope Francis's message in his encyclical *Laudato Si* to live simply, live fairly and live together with each other in our common home. In a time of quiet they reflected upon how they could do little things to make a positive difference in our world. Perhaps they have shared some of these with you at home.



Reception's Chaplaincy Sessions were a reflection on the Our Father, explaining some of the tricky language and using props and actions to help the children learn the words. Please do pray this important prayer together at home.

**Table Talk Topic for this week - Can a dog be kind?** 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

### Times Table Rockstars

Times Table Rockstars has taken the junior school by storm! We are so pleased that the children are engaging in maths in such a fun and exciting way. If you have any issues regarding account logins or in game issues, please refer these to Mrs Richardson via an email through the school office or a note through the class teacher. We also recommend that you do not buy a family account unless you want a login as a parent. There are lots of other online learning platforms that we can recommend should you want to - speak to your class teacher if you would like more information.



### Uniform

We continue to remind parents that full school uniform is expected including uniform coats and winter accessories- scarves, gloves and hats. Neither boots nor bootees are allowed to be worn in school but can be worn for the journey and then changed. Thank you to the families who have responded positively to these requests especially school uniform haircuts. The children are proud of their school and the comments made about their smart appearance this is due to us all working together.

### Big Book Boost

Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with us over £10, we will donate £1 to a school of your choice for them to spend on books! With your help, we aim to donate 1 MILLION BOOKS to UK Schools by 2022.

Now every time a parent, their families, a friend of the school or even an ex-student places an online order with us over £10, the Book People will **donate £1 to OUR school** to spend on books.

Here is how you can get going on boosting a school's book budget;

Visit the Book People's website: <https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>. Choose a school and then simply start shopping! Once you are ready to check out, you can either login or set up your account and off you go!

### Changes to pick up's

Please can any changes to your child's collection details be communicated to the Office staff by 2.30pm, unless in an emergency. Calls of this nature after this time cannot be actioned.

### Scooting and cycling

Scooting and cycling is not allowed in either of the school grounds or the extended grounds of St Philomena's. This is a health and safety measure. We often see the younger children speeding off too with no adult supervision. We ask all families for their support in this matter please.

### Used postage stamps

We now have collection boxes in each school for stamp recycling. These will be sent off to support the RNIB charity. This is a great way to start this new initiative around Christmas when we enjoy receiving our special cards and letters.



## Stars of the Week - Week ending 22nd November 2019

Reindeer Class - Harris B, Cheetah Class - Lauren A, Giraffe Class - Cerys M,  
Meerkat Class - Isabelle K, Horse Class - Sienna C, Owl Class - Caterina B

Well done to all of the Stars of the week!