



Weekly Newsletter-Friday 22nd March

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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,

Following the consultation of all stakeholders, we are delighted to announce the success of our new Mission Statement, which will be duly used on any new documentation. This is one of simplicity and openness whilst glorifying the name of Christ. May it be a continual blessing as we use it in our community.

The children continue to be an inspiration to us throughout the season of Lent. They are reflective and responsive and are really good at making links to their own daily experiences and circumstances. As adults, we need to take time to listen to them and sometimes learn from them.

We wish Year 6 Top of the Form Team good luck as they go into the next round of battle against the pupils of Cuddington Croft in the Semi-Finals. They have been a real sporting team who have successfully worked together to achieve the joy of being able to continue competing in the knock out competition.

Spirituality

Sunday 24th March - Week 11 of Ordinary time

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

<http://www.stmarysjunior.org.uk/spirituality.php> <http://www.stmarysinfchool.org.uk/spirituality.php>

During their class chaplaincy, sessions this week Year 5 and Year 6 reflected upon God's call to each one of us to grow in holiness. Considering the lives of saints, we thought about how the Lord has a calling for each one of us, even the very young and lowly. Holiness is often found in unexpected and surprising places; it is indeed humbling to think that God is calling us all to be holy.

Pupils at the Junior School have continued to take time to pray throughout lunchtimes in the Lent Tent, at Lectio Divina or the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A big thank you to the Chaplaincy Team and members of the Faith in Action team who continue to work together at lunchtimes to enable these prayer opportunities to happen at the Junior School.

We are also extremely grateful to Fr. Luke for generously giving of his time to enable us to partake of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is so important for us during Lent.



Table Talk Topic for this week: If we were able to pick up our school and move it to another country, would it still be the same school? – 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

Launch of St. Mary's Alumni Event

Venue: St. Mary's Junior School
Date: Tuesday 7th May 2019, from 6 - 8pm
Tour of the school by current students at 6pm
Headteacher's welcome at 7pm

We look forward to giving you the opportunity to reconnect and reminisce with past pupils (Over 18's) and staff of St. Mary's Infants and St. Mary's Juniors.



Recycling with Michael

Turn your unloved clothes and shoes into cash for our school!

We would like say a huge thank you to all the parents who donated items for the Recycle with Michael scheme. We had a fantastic result and had over 80 bags full of donations.



ROAD SAFETY

This is another plea to the people who pull onto the area at West Street Lane. This activity really compromises the safety of pedestrians. Recent information has identified another car with registration ending in PGY. Please refrain from blocking this pedestrian access. We hope that all parents demonstrate our Gospel values to our neighbours.

Admission Arrangements

Several schools have updated their Admissions policies including;
St. Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls
Please see their websites for information.

Sports Results

Netball

St. Mary's vs All Saints Benhilton
A Team 0 - 4
B Team 0 - 1

Absence from school

Please be reminded that as part of our safeguarding process, the monitoring of attendance is crucial. In the event of absence from school for part or a whole day written confirmation needs to be submitted. If this involves a medical appointment, then we also ask for written evidence of this. In the case where children may have an ongoing condition the school can supply you with a school absence /medical card that can be completed and stamped by the medical staff. Email requests will follow if written clarification is not received. Thank you for your co-operation in this.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 22nd March 2019

Elephant Class -Leo R, **Penguin Class** - Ava K, **Bee Class** - Joshua M
Reindeer Class - Neill S, **Cheetah Class** - Francesco M, **Giraffe Class** - Noah H,
Meerkat Class - Eilyn T, **Horse Class** - Alessia F, **Owl Class** - Pascal Z
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!