



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 25th September 2020 - Autumn Term

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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.

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Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs H Nicholls, Miss F Sullivan & Miss E Bryant Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn is creeping in! How lovely to see the beautiful trees as they change colour reminding us of how wonderful God's creation is and how lucky we are to be his witness. Please encourage our children to take a moment to reflect on this over the next couple of months. Each season is magnificent in its own way.

You will all have received the letter yesterday about St Mary's Federation having the first positively identified of COVID 19 case. The letter sent to you was a formal letter modelled on one from Public Health Services. Further to that, we consider it fair that you also understand the process that goes hand in hand with that letter. The school also contacted Sutton LA to discuss arrangements. Those people who are asked to isolate are determined by set criteria. In school we are able to track this as we monitor contact times of individuals as set out by criteria. For everyone, this is an anxious time but we all need to continue to be vigilant, unfortunately though we see people who have become a little lax in keeping themselves and others safe.

The guidelines still demand:

- 2 metre distancing
- Minimum car shares - preferably no one outside of the family
- Limited face to face contact

Infringement of these demands are frequently witnessed in the school grounds and in the waiting queues. The school requires all adults to wear a mask on the school site, this is a school rule above government requirements. If for some reason you are unable to wear a mask, please make contact with the school to make other arrangements as you will not be allowed on the school site. Parents have communicated that they would like to see this happening too, whilst waiting for school to open in the interests of wellbeing for all in the school community. Please look after each other and please ensure that you **do not arrive at school more than 5 minutes** before entry time. Thank you for your anticipated support.

These letters are really difficult to write as we want to celebrate time together but we need to all behave showing the greatest respect to each other and our neighbours please. These are anxious times and we don't currently see an end to these necessary measures. As we look forward, planning for the education of our children is our highest priority. Ongoing assessments have been happening in each class, gathering information about the academic as well as the emotional baseline for all children. This has been an important task in these first weeks of the school year. Autumn Parent Consultations will not take place in the usual way, we are currently in discussion about the most productive way forward and you may get contacted by the school to discuss issues that need early attention from now on that will start the process of keeping you informed this term. We thank you in advance of co-operating and supporting any initiatives in this matter.

Spirituality

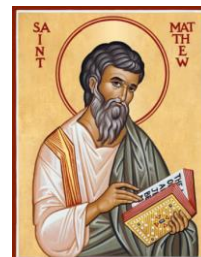
Sunday 27th September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 21st September was the Feast of St. Matthew. When Jesus called him, Matthew (Levi) was working as a tax-collector, a despised profession for the Jews. This is, perhaps a reminder to us that we are not to judge others and that no-one is excluded from Jesus' invitation to follow Him.

Let us pray that in the midst of our busy lives we will keep our hearts and ears open to hear the Lord calling to us.

St. Matthew – pray for us!

The Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks has been extended to 2021. At Sunday Mass we will continue hear and reflect upon St. Matthew's Gospel until Advent, after which the Gospel readings will be taken from the Gospel of St. Mark.



News for the week

Cycles and bicycles

The expectations on the school site has always remained as **no scooting or cycling - children or adults**. Some people are not following this rule and this is causing problems a) it threatens safety to the rider as well as pedestrians in addition to forcing people to crowd together if they have to step aside making queuing difficult and too tight especially in the alleyway and on the pavement. If this doesn't happen in respect of each other we will need to make the decision of keeping scooters and cycles off the school site altogether. Please show respect to others.

Return of reading and library books and summer work books

Please check at home for these items that have not been returned to school yet.

School Photography Day

This year due to the restrictions of COVID 19 we will only be able to hold individual and same school sibling's photographs, we will not be able to hold sibling photographs across both sites.

PTA AGM

Please note the date for the PTA AGM of 7th October, as notified on last week's newsletter. This was postponed from the summer term due to the COVID situation. Future planning will consider alternate ways to bring the community together again and are always interested in your input. Do attend the AGM if you are able, more information will be sent to you in the coming week.

Disposing of Face Masks

Please help to look after God's creatures by remembering to cut off the ear strings before throwing them away. Simple actions protect the animals in our environment.

No Dogs allowed in school

Please remember no dogs are allowed on site and consideration for others not to let them soil the alleyway if it's used when walking your dog.

If you wish to learn an instrument this year, please contact the teacher directly to arrange lessons. Your teacher will be in touch with you to liaise when lessons will commence in school.

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