



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter-Friday 25th January

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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.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are three weeks into spring 1 half term with much already achieved.

The schools played host to 11 teachers from Sweden yesterday. The group were here to observe systems and practice in British schools. They were delighted to see the children in their learning environment and commented on how proud they are of their school. Having visitors helps us to look at the school with new eyes too- always a valuable exercise.

The EGM meeting for the parent associations held on Wednesday had exciting outcomes. Thank you to the members who have been working behind the scenes to ensure the process reflects the best practice and will set firm and clear foundations for a new joint parent/ teacher association. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Thank you for supporting our maths workshops this week- they went really well with parents getting involved. We have further sessions at the same time next week.

The dates and times for our planned PAR meetings are in the diary and the booking system will be opened soon, notification will be out next week.

Spirituality

Sunday 27th January - Week 3 of Ordinary time

Morning reflection is issued every week by our Chaplain and is available on both schools websites
<http://www.stmarysjunior.org.uk/spirituality.php> <http://www.stmarysinfchool.org.uk/spirituality.php>

This week our Faith in Action group participated in their second reflective session, the theme of which was "Loving our neighbour is loving Jesus". They reflected upon the Luke's Gospel passage about the Good Samaritan and, by hearing about the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, learnt how it is possible to both serve Jesus and live a full, active, 'normal' young person's life.

The group have decided to dedicate their time to raising funds for Mary's Meals, a Catholic charity which provides food for the most vulnerable in a school setting. More details to follow but, if you are interested in finding out more, visit <http://www.marysmeals.org.uk>.



Table Talk Topic for this week: If you steal my pen and I steal yours, in return am I a thief too? Am I the same as you? Does it work for all crimes? – 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

NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay safe.' Programme

The NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, Presented their '*Speak out. Stay safe.*' programme in a school assembly on Wednesday 23rd January. With the help of a mascot 'Buddy' they presented the information using an age appropriate, child-friendly story.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 25th January 2019

**Elephant Class - Leon R, Penguin Class - Harry G, Bee Class - Kai D
Reindeer Class - Keeva E, Cheetah Class - Sophia G, Giraffe Class - Oscar B,
Meerkat Class - Michelle B, Horse Class - Eliza N, Owl Class - Evie C
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!**