



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 26th February - Spring 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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New PTA Email address: pta@stmarysfed.uk



Dear Parents and Carers,

We had welcome news on Monday evening announcing that the children would come together again in school to complete the spring term. You can imagine how pleased the staff are. Although we will be keeping all of the restrictions in place - at least friends can be with each other and each other's company. We will be confirming start and finish times together with any specific arrangements for parents next week. Please note that an early closure on a Wednesday will continue until the Easter break.

We hope you are all enjoying the lovely spring flowers in the neighbourhood, they really are a beautiful sight to cheer us up. The lake in St Philomena's grounds is full once again, attracting all types of pond life. Can you see how many types of birds that are in the pond?

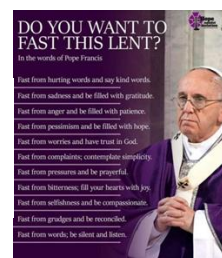
Don't forget to send in your photographs from the Bird Watch week that can be added to the school website - some of you may also have some images of the spring flowers to add too.

Spirituality

Sunday 28th February - 2nd Sunday of Lent



As with so many other things in these Covid times, the Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday was a little different this year; a sprinkling on our head rather than a cross of our foreheads. Nevertheless, we have now started upon our Lenten journey, 40 days of **prayer, fasting and giving.**



Prayer

Archbishop John Wilson and the Southwark Spirituality Commission are offering an online Retreat during Lent. To find out more and to register, click on the link below.

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme>



As a school we are raising money for the Catholic Children's Society, a charity which does so much to support disadvantaged children and families in London and the surrounding area. If you have a collection box, please put your offerings into it over these weeks of Lent and **return to school at the end of term.** If you do not have a collection box, please make your Lenten gift through the CCS website: <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/donate/> Many thanks for helping to improve the lives of others.

Home Learning is provided through Google Classroom. Should you have a problem connecting please contact your class teacher for support. For your convenience, further information regarding expectations and how to use gaming devices to access the site can be located in Parents and Carers Classroom.

News for the week

Guidance update:

Sutton is in: **National Lockdown**. For further guidance please click on this link
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Home Learning Links

Remote Education: Information for Parents - [Remote Education: Information for Parents](#)

Websites to support online learning - [Websites to support online learning](#)

Online Registration & Reflection - [Online Registration & Reflection](#)

World Book Day 4th March

On 4th March, children can bring in an item or accessory to represent a book or character to school to share with their class bubble. We will also be having a Google Meet on this day instead of the Friday next week so we can engage with the children at home on World Book Day and share items with each other.

Children at home will join in 'Register and Reflection' today


Finally, something a little bit different, here is Fitness Monopoly! If you've got a pair of dice and a counter or marker per player, then great. If not, they can write the numbers 1 to 6 on pieces of paper and pick them out of a cup. Adapt where necessary but it's fitness fun for everyone :)

[Fitness Monopoly Board](#)


Kind regards

Mrs Birch

PE Co-ordinator



Child & Adolescent
Mental Health Services




South West London and
St George's Mental Health
NHS Trust

**Sutton Children's Wellbeing Service AND
Sutton Uplift presents:**
**Parental anxiety and it's impact on your child/
children**


Do you ever feel anxious?
Does your anxiety or worries get the better of you?
Does your child pick up on your anxiety?
Then this workshop could be useful for you!

When:
Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 6pm
Thursday 4 March 2021 at 12.30pm
Where: Virtually (Microsoft Teams)

If you would like to join us for this workshop, please
Email: suttoncwp@swlstg.nhs.uk
or suttonwellbeing@swlstg.nhs.uk for the link.



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Stars of the Week - Week ending 26th February 2021

R Hedgehog Class - Eleanor P & Quinn M, **R Fox Class** - Freya H & Harry B,

R Squirrel Class - Isabella H & Elton R

1 Wren Class - Maria-Alexandra D, **1 Robin Class** - Taliah R, **1 Sparrow Class** - George Y,

2 Woodpeckers Class - Matylda P, **2 Heron Class** - Amelia W, **2 Jay Class** - Oscar S

Well done to all of the Stars of the week!