



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter-Friday 26th April

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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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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final term of the school year. One that contains many exciting learning opportunities and experiences.

This week we have received a really pleasing letter from the Catholic Education Commission that informed us of the outcomes for the Denomination Inspection that took place at the junior school last term. We are delighted to remain an **Outstanding Catholic School**, due to the hard work and commitment of staff, governors, clergy and families in our community. The report will follow next week. Congratulations to everyone.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Wood, fulltime School Secretary at the Infant school. We hope that she will be happy within our community. Please be patient as she gets used to the routine. Please also be reminded that each of the offices is open from 8.30 until 4 pm. The office will not be manned out of these hours.

This term is a time for preparation for the next stage of each child's development. As lifelong learners the adults in the school also recognise the importance of keeping an open and flexible mind. The school staff had a very useful INSET Day on Tuesday. We invited the famous author Gervase Phinn to address the staff and give training on reading, spelling and writing. It was a very fulfilling day reflecting on the skills, the enjoyment and the thrill of being a huge part of our children's development. We reflected on the importance of daily reading and how it translates to high quality spelling and writing. As a school we join with parents to promote the importance of reading but this sometimes falls short. To help to keep it in mind, we have included a quote from another famous author to inspire you and hope you will start a new daily habit for both you and your children - good luck!

"I will defend the importance of bedtime stories to my last gasp." —JK Rowling

Spirituality

Sunday 28th April - Week 2 of Easter

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>

We have enjoyed returning to school in the sunshine and in the knowledge that, after Easter, we have been reminded of the great love Jesus has for each and every one of us. Before the holidays, we heard the stories of Holy Week and His passion, and it was wonderful to return to school immediately after our Easter celebrations to share the great news of His resurrection through stories and films.

We thank all families who have recycled the foil and card from their eggs in wonderful images of new life: butterflies, flowers, and beginning to cover the simple wooden cross in our display in school. If you still have chocolate left, we will be happy to have a few more creations that are beautiful.



Table Talk Topic for this week - Which is more pointless thing to do: make a wish or stand on a ladder to touch a star?

— 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

We are very happy to be launching **St Mary's Alumni** this term. We have an opening night booked in for Tuesday 7th May, all past staff and pupils (over 18) are welcome to attend and reminisce. This will start with tours of the school at 6pm and close around 8pm and will be held at the junior school. Please pass this date on to other friends who may be outside of our school community.



Catholic Children's Society Collection Boxes

A reminder that collection boxes for the Catholic Children's Society should be returned to school as soon as possible. Many thanks for your generosity.

The wearing of jewellery

Please remember earrings are not to be worn in school, if your child attends school with their earrings in, we will ask you to come and remove them.

The birth of the new joint PTA

Please try to attend one of the gatherings listed on the diary. We need your help in setting up this new venture- making new friends and raising money for the school. The success depends on the community - **please do give it a go.**

The school offices will be open from 8.30am - 4pm each day. Parents should not call to the offices outside of these times unless they have an appointment.

The FSM BBQ is fast approaching, rain or shine we are very enthusiastic about confirming this event for everyone on the school calendar. It brings together the community of children, families and teachers we value and are so proud of.

The invitation is open to the whole school but in particular it is hoped the current **Year 2** families will attend so that we can welcome you to the Junior school and the current **Year 6** families are also our special guests so we can wish you all good luck as many of you move on in September with your children. **Year 3** please come and say goodbye to your buddies! The event was unable to run last year so this is your chance to make up for it. Photos will be allowed on the day so it will be great opportunity to get those group friend and buddy photos on school grounds. There will be parent organised games and music.

The BBQ entry ticket will include a sausage *and* a burger in a bap. Children will be able to help themselves to squash and create their own cupcake dessert. There will be a bar for adults to purchase their drinks so we ask you **DO NOT** bring any with you, please though, feel free to bring and share your own BBQ side dishes.

Saturday 11th May - 3pm to 6pm

Tickets £5 per person (adult or school aged child)

Please could you bring in your acceptance and money to the school by Friday 2nd May at 3.15pm.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 28th April 2019

**Elephant Class - Myla D, Penguin Class - William B, Bee Class - Giulia O
Reindeer Class - Reuben D, Cheetah Class - Jacob K, Giraffe Class - Jakub W,
Meerkat Class - Simone C, Horse Class - Mike B, Owl Class - Richelle M
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!**