



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 28th February 2020

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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 Parent & Carer,

We hope that you all had a most enjoyable break last week and you are ready for the busy lead up to Easter.

Thank you to parents who supported workshops and meetings this week. We are looking to plan more workshops as they are proving to be a popular way of parents becoming familiar with the teaching and are then able to support the learning at home.

As we enter into Lent it is important that we all work together in giving time to the children to discuss what this period means for Christians, leading to the most significant feast of the year when Christ demonstrates the blessings of new life.


Spirituality

Sunday 1st March - 1st Sunday of Lent

Morning reflection is issued every week by our Chaplain and is available on the school's website: <https://www.smcsc.org.uk/spirituality.php>

As we begin this season of Lent, we will be supporting the Catholic Children's Society Lenten Appeal, "Light Your Lenten Path." Following the three themes of *celebrating*, *living* and *sharing*, we are encouraged to explore the Bible and reflect on how God's word can guide our day to day lives. Collection boxes and resources will go home with the children this week and we would ask that they are returned after the Easter holidays. All donations will be used to provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants to local vulnerable children and families when they need it most.

On Shrove Tuesday, we enjoyed pancakes in school for dessert and then on Ash Wednesday welcomed Fr Paul to the Infants' and Fr Luke to the Juniors. We had a short service in each school, reflecting on what this time of Lent means, and then the priests distributed the Ashes onto our foreheads. All children should be congratulated for their reverence: they really were very respectful. We understand that this is an opportunity for us to pray, fast and give as we prepare for Easter.

 Table Talk Topic for this week: Is a sound still a sound if no one is around to hear it? - 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

Next week's upcoming dates

Juniors - Mon 2nd March - Year 4 Wider Opps
Both Schools - Tues 3rd March - PTA Quiz Night at The Greyhound pub, at 7.30pm
Infants - Thurs 5th March - Owl Class School Liturgy at 9am, enter via Gate 4.
Juniors - Thurs 5th March - Year 4 to Carshalton Methodist Church, Easter Experience
Both Schools - Fri 6th March - World Book Day (Don't forget your costume)
Juniors - Fri 6th March - 4 Poplar swimming at 1.30pm, Years 5/6 swimming at 2pm
Juniors - Fri 6th March - School Disco at 6pm

Sign of the Week

Please check the Parents and Carers room on Google Classroom for this week's 'Sign of the Week'.

Please be vigilant around the lake bed area in St. Philomena's grounds, especially now the lake is at its highest point. It is lovely to look and take in the awe and wonder but children need to be aware of the dangers too. Thank you

A reminder that on **Friday 6th March 2019** we will be celebrating **World Book Day 2020**. Please try and be as inventive and resourceful as you can by recycling material/clothing that can already found around the home to put a costume together. For costume inspiration please visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas-2019> where there are some helpful costume suggestions. We look forward to the events of the day and to sharing our costumes with one another.



Lenten Appeal

Lenten appeal for Catholic Children's Society. We have chosen this again this year as we do have families in our school community who have benefitted this year from the fund. Thank you for your generosity.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 28th February 2020

**Elephant Class - Olivia B, Penguin Class - George Y, Bee Class - Alicia V,
Reindeer Class - Lois-Anne H, Cheetah Class - Cesare S, Giraffe Class - Mija Ray L,
Meerkat Class - Harvey J, Horse Class - Neill S, Owl Class - Jakub W**
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!