



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter-Friday 23rd November

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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.

Safeguarding Deputy: Mrs. S Hulme **Safeguarding Governor:** Mr. T Richmond

Dear Parents and Carers,

As 1st Sunday of Advent approaches we are reminded about the important preparation needed for Christmas, the birthday of Christ. This week saw Red Wednesday with the schools making a statement about protecting the rights to follow our own beliefs, especially in a society of new challenges. We are proud of our children for being able to articulate this message and be tolerant of each other - sometimes we as adults, should take a leaf out of their book and have greater empathy towards others and follow the Gospel values.

The Advent service hosted by Year 3 helped us to start thinking about the coming weeks of joy and celebration as a community. Congratulations to Eleanor M. for having her Christmas card design chosen by Southwark Catholic Education Commission as their Christmas Card in 2018.

Thank you to SMIF for doing another fab job in making the Christmas Fayre happen, we look forward to seeing many of you with us tomorrow 11-2pm at the infant school to join in with the fun.

We are sending out invites to all for the Christmas celebrations this week and look forward to seeing you.

Spirituality

Sunday 2nd December - 35th Sunday in 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>

#RedWednesday at the Juniors began with a wonderful assembly by 6 Copper Beech. We thank them for explaining to us why we take part in this day of prayer and raising awareness. Persecuted people, who suffer because of their faith, really do need our prayers.

Advent begins this weekend. If you are unsure how Advent differs from Christmas, why not watch this great little video. It explains that if we have had enough of Christmas by the 25th, we have done Advent wrong! <https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-advent-two-minutes>

Children in the Junior School will take it in turns to bring home their class Travelling Crib. We know they will take great care of the figures and contents inside their gift bags, and will return them to school the next day. Candles are included, but nothing with which to light them. The children would have been told that, to keep them safe, the candle lighting is something to be shared as a family. Thank you for spending a few minutes with your child when they bring the Travelling Crib home. Let them set up the crib, the cloth (if there is one), and the candle and to write a prayer together in the book. We welcome prayers in your home language: one day another child will be delighted to read them when they have that bag.

Thank you again for your generous sock donations. We currently have 560 socks donated. A very BIG thank you from us, and from those who will wear them. Next week, they will be collected by The Passage and distributed to the homeless.



Table Talk returns to the newsletter this week with a suggested topic of conversation for your family to discuss at a mealtime together. Some of these topics might take even longer. Topic for this week: Is tapping your fingers to music a form of dance?

-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

50/50 WINNERS

September 2018 – Ciara Lamb – 5 Sycamore

October 2018 – Emmy Allchurch – 6 Oak

November 2018 – Hannah Sims – 6 Oak

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Christmas Card Competition

The winner of this year's competition is:

Eleanor M, St Mary's Catholic Federation, Carshalton



Post Box - Both Schools

The Post Box for children to send Christmas cards will be in both schools from Monday 10th December 2018, please could we ask that you do not send and Christmas cards before this date. Please can you ensure the first name, surname and class name are on all envelopes.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 30th November 2018,

**Reindeer Class - Ronan Agnew, Cheetah Class - Jacob Moret, Giraffe Class - Joseph Sullivan,
Meerkat Class - Molly Cook, Horse Class - Michael McCearney, Owl Class - Annabella Genco**

Well done to all of the Stars of the week!

Dates for the Diary

NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL		JUNIOR SCHOOL
Christmas Fayre 11-2pm	Sat 1st Dec	
Giraffe Class Liturgy Access gate 4 - Parents welcome at 2.45pm	Mon 3rd Dec	Adoration at St. Philomena's - Year 3 10.30 - 11.30 and Year 5 9.15 - 10.15
	Tues 4th Dec	6 Oak Christmas Puddings 9.30am
Year 2 Christmas Carols at Holy Cross Church 6pm	Wed 5th Dec	Yr. 4 visit St Philomena's drama presentations
	Thurs 6th Dec	Adoration at St. Philomena's Year 4 9.15 - 10.15 and Year 6 10.30 - 11.30 Yr. 3 visit St Philomena's drama presentations
Year 2 to St. Philomena's (drama) 9.30-10.50am	Fri 7th Dec	Year 4 Ash Class Assembly 9am Swimming 5E Swimming 5S
Open Day Nursery & Reception at 9.30am Reception Nativity at 1.40pm	Mon 10th Dec	Top of the Form at 1.45pm (Children only)
Pantomime theatre group visit to school - Peter Pan	Tues 11th Dec	
Reception Nativity at 9am	Wed 12th Dec	Yr. 3 Nativity 1.30 and 7pm
Year 2 - Medieval Day	Thurs 13th Dec	Junior Christmas Mass (Children only)
Nursery Nativity at 10am Nursery Nativity at 2pm	Fri 14th Dec	Year 6 Chestnut Class Assembly 9am
Reindeer Class Liturgy Access gate 4 - Parents welcome at 2.45pm Infant Christmas Shop Year 1 Carols around the Crib at 6pm	Mon 17th Dec	Whole school trip to pantomime - Jack & the Beanstalk
Infant Christmas shop	Tues 18th Dec	Christmas Music Night at 6pm
Christmas heads or toes Christmas Lunch Infant Creativity Day	Weds 19th Dec	Christmas Head or Toes - Bring a bottle for Christmas Fayre Christmas Lunch
NURSERY FINISHES	Thur 20 Dec	Christmas Fayre-parents from 2.30pm
SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM	Fri 21 Dec	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM
INSET DAY 3	Mon 7 Jan	INSET DAY 3
SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM	Tue 8 Jan	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
SCHOOL FINISHES	Fri 15 Feb	SCHOOL FINISHES
	Thurs 17th Jan	Year 3 Classes - Daisy First Aid 9am
	Fri 18th Jan	Year 5 Elm Class Assembly 9am
	Mon 21 Jan	Faith in Action Meeting (hall/chapel) at 3.30 - 5pm
	Weds 23rd Jan	Learning Journal going home - 'My Universe' NSPCC Assembly for all Juniors Year 5 Workshop at 10.45am Year 6 workshop at 11.30am
	Thurs 24th Jan	Year 3 Willow Class Assembly 9am
Governor's Inclusion Committee Meeting in Infants at 7pm	Weds 6th Feb	Learning Journal due in Governor's Inclusion Committee Meeting in Infants at 7pm
	Fri 8th Feb	5 Sycamore Class Assembly 9am
	Weds 13th Feb	Year 5 Birch class Assembly 9am

	Fri 15 th Feb	Sponsored Bounce
SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM	Mon 18 th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM
SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM	Mon 25 Feb	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
	Mon 11 th Mar	Faith in Action Meeting (Hall/chapel) 3.30 - 5pm
	Tues 26 th Mar	FGB Meeting Juniors School at 7pm
SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM	Fri 5 th April	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM
INSET DAY 4	Tues 23 rd April	INSET DAY 4
SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM	Wed 24 th April	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	Mon 6 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
	Weds 8 th May	Learning Journal going home - 'a poet and I know it'
	Mon 13 th May	Faith in Action Meeting (Hall/Chapel) at 3.30pm - 5pm
	Weds 22 nd May	Learning Journal due in
	Fri 24 th May	SCHOOL FINISHES
	Mon 3 rd June	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
	Tues 11 th June	Resources Meeting at 11am - Juniors Inclusion Meeting at 7pm - Juniors
	Fri 14 th June	Year 5 Under Canvas
	Sat 15 th June	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip
	Fri 21 st June	Year 6 return from Isle of Wight Trip
	Mon 24 th June	INSET DAY 5
	Tues 2 nd July	FGB Meeting at 7pm - Juniors
	Tues 23 rd July	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM

Term dates can be viewed on either website at

<http://www.stmarysinfchool.org.uk/files/TERM%20DATES%20%2018-19.pdf>

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