



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 31st January 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.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs. S Hulme **Nursery & Infant School:** Mrs. M Quinn.

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

To check if the school is open during bad weather, please use the link below to Open Check.

<https://opencheck.atomwide.com/default.aspx>

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are again, finding ourselves nearly half way through the current academic year. The teachers are preparing for the PAR appointments. The progress and achievement reported is based on the very specific daily assessment for learning procedures that then enables teachers to identify the next step targets. You will also be given the opportunity to complete the annual school survey. We look forward to meeting with you all as these meetings are always well attended.

Please be reminded that cycling and scooting are not allowed in the school grounds and this applies to both children and adults. Thank you to those parents who always follow these important requests.

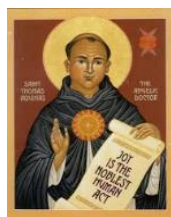
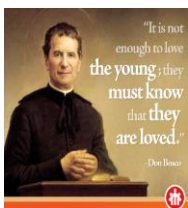
Unfortunately, we are still having ongoing complaints about the disrespectful parking of our parents in the surrounding areas and in particular Browning Crescent. It is also very shocking that we have repeated reported incidents of verbal abuse to our neighbours. The governors request that our parents follow our ethos by not bringing the reputation of the school into disrepute and that we all follow the Gospel values taught in school.

Spirituality

Sunday 2nd February - The Presentation of the Lord

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 Catholics we know that we live in communion not only with our brothers and sisters around the world but also with those who have gone before us, especially the saints who we can ask to pray with us and for us. On Monday the Church celebrated the feast day of St. Angela Merici, founder of the Ursuline Order, on Tuesday that of St. Thomas Aquinas (Doctor of the Church) and on Friday St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesians. Both St. Angela and St. John Bosco dedicated their lives to welcoming, nurturing and educating young people to give them the best possible opportunities in life. At St. Mary's Catholic Federation, we try to do the same. May the example of all the saints continue to inspire us and strengthen us.



St. Angela Merici, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Bosco - pray for us!

Act, believe, hope, love, serve



Table Talk Topic for this week: - What is the nicest thing you could do for your friend? 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

All Parents Evening Appointments go live from Monday 3rd Feb at 11am
Juniors - Mon 3rd Feb - Year 4 Wider Opps, Music Lessons
Infants - Weds 5th Feb - Last Wednesday Club before Half Term
Nursery - Weds 5th Feb - Phonic / Reading workshop Nursery AM at 9am & Nursery PM at 2.45pm. Enter via gate 5.
Infants - Weds 5th Feb - Phonic / Reading workshop at 2.45pm (Recp, Year 1 & Year 2) Enter via gate 4.
Juniors - Weds 5th Feb - Reading Workshop at 2.30pm (Parents welcome)
Infants - Thurs 6th Feb at 9am - School Liturgy Giraffe's Class - Parents enter via Gate 4
Juniors - Thurs 6th Feb - Top of the Form Competition at The Avenue Primary School
Juniors - Fri 7th Feb - Krispy Kreme Sale
Juniors - Fri 7th Feb - 4R & 4A Swimming

Sign of the Week

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

Apps and Age Controls



The age labels provide a reliable indication of the suitability of the game content in terms of protection of minors. The age rating does not take into account the level of difficulty or skills required to play a game. Content at each age can include:

3: Violence in a childlike cartoon setting.

7: Unrealistic violence towards fantasy characters, sounds & images might be scary for young children.

12: Realistic violence towards fantasy characters, unrealistic violence towards humans or animals, mild swearing.

16: Realistic violence towards humans or animals, sexual nudity, glamorisation of crime, alcohol and tobacco.

18: Motiveless killing of human characters, discrimination, gross violence, sexual activity, drugs.

For any further information on appropriate apps and age controls, please click on the link below: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?page=2>

Lost Property

Due to the large amounts of lost property currently in both schools, there will be lost property in the playgrounds for the next 2 x Friday afternoons. Please can you check for any of your child's lost belongings as anything left as we break for half term will be put to recvcina in the Bertie bin.

E-Safety

Safer Internet Day 2020 will be celebrated globally with the theme: Together for a better internet on Tuesday 11th February. E-Safety Workshops with Steve Welding Education E-Safety Advisor, Sutton Education Services will start next week at the Infants school and the following week in the Juniors.

Here are some conversation starters for you about safety -

Talk about respect

What could you do if someone online is making you or someone you know feel worried or upset?

Who do you look up to/respect online? Why?

Can people say/do whatever they want online? Why/why not?

What is different about talking online to someone compared to talking face to face? Is there anything that is the same?

Do you have any tips for how to be positive and show respect online?

Here are some great E-Safety links -

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.thinkyounow.co.uk/>

<http://www.internetmatters.org/>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

<http://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.common sense media.org/>



Stars of the Week - Week ending 31st January 2020

Elephant Class - Olaf S, Penguin Class - Patrycja O, Bee Class - Joseph C,
Reindeer Class - Sophie S, Cheetah Class - Sadie M, Giraffe Class - Matylda S,
Meerkat Class - Scarlett W, Horse Class - Rocco M, Owl Class - Finnian M
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!