



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 4th October

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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 and Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the great parental support seen so far this term, attending liturgies and assemblies and offering to volunteer in school. These actions are really essential to ensure our children receive the highest provision and support in school.

We have meetings coming up to include the Autumn Term Parent Consultations after half term. Most of the focus this half term has been on behaviours, ensuring attitudes to learning are at their best and circulation around the school is keeping everyone safe. It also prepares them for walking into lessons and not wasting time.

We have had a number of new staff in the dining halls; Mrs Liew at the junior school and Miss Sloggett at the Infants and we give Mrs Kwasniewska our best wishes as she starts maternity leave today and for the coming weeks as she waits for her new baby to arrive. Miss Atkinson returned from maternity leave this week at the juniors.

Thank you to parents who follow school requests in the interest of both children and staff. We wish to remind all parents that driving and parking in the school grounds is not allowed at any time.

Spirituality

Sunday 6th Sunday - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Morning reflection is issued every week by our Chaplain and is available on the school's website:

<https://www.smcsc.org.uk/spirituality.php>

On Monday afternoon's assembly Mrs Norbury was delighted to introduce the 25 members of the new Y6 Chaplaincy Team to the Junior School. They have already been busy helping with displays, being envoys - informing the classes of prayer initiatives etc., helping to lead prayers and all with a smile, following the example of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, whose feast day was on Tuesday, in doing little acts of kindness with great love.



Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be an Extraordinary Month of Mission and tells us that "Prayer is the first 'missionary work' - the first! The first which every Christian can and should carry out. It is also the most effective although it cannot be 'measured'". We are 'Baptised and Sent'. During October, we will be praying the Rosary every Thursday lunchtime, using Missio Rosaries and with the specific intention for all of us who proclaim the Good News of the Gospel.



Table Talk Topic for this week – **Should you be made to be polite?** 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

Year 6 - Privilege Tie Assembly

Congratulations to all Year 6 for receiving their Privilege Tie in their assembly last week and thank you to parents for attending. Thank you to Hannah Roberts (Ex-St. Mary's pupil) for her inspirational talk on her journey as a musician and gaining a scholarship to Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance.

Two new After School Clubs

We now have two new after school clubs to be held at the Infants, run by Sports Active Coaching on Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm and Thursdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm. These will be open to years 3, 4 and 5. Letters have been sent out via the school office yesterday.

Collection of unwanted school uniform to send to Nepal, will begin in the last week of October.

Year 6 Talk from the Headteachers at St. Philomena's & John Fisher's

Ms Noone and Mr McCullagh will be visiting the school to meet year 6 parents on Tuesday 15th October. We are fortunate that they are able to come to meet with parents in their busy open day/night schedule at short notice. We hope that parents show their appreciation by attending when they will be given the opportunity to ask questions in a smaller forum.

Uniform Reminder

No earrings should be worn and all watches and accessories should be in keeping with school uniform. School shoes only should be worn - please note no boots or similar that rise above the ankle are allowed to be worn in school.



Parent's Evening booking will go live from Monday 14th October 2019 at 11am. Please remember to try different variations of names, such as small and capital letters.

Bookings are now being taken for the:

OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUBS

<http://www.orchardchildcare.co.uk/StMarysPoster.pdf>

Held at the Infant site - Open to all ages:

<http://sportsactivecoaching.co.uk/holiday-camps/>

Held at the Junior site - Open to Years 1 - 6

Sports Active



Stars of the Week - Week ending 4th October 2019

Reindeer Class - Bernasia M, Cheetah Class - Mary-Grace D, Giraffe Class - Brian L, Meerkat Class - Adiele A, Horse Class - Keeva E, Owl Class - Amelia T

Well done to all of the Stars of the week!