



Weekly Newsletter-Friday 8th March

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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,

Thank you for the tremendous support this week. For being imaginative and creative and dressing up the children for Book Day, helping to walk the pupils to church on Ash Wednesday, for giving Mrs White a fabulous send off and for the kind and lovely feedback to the Inspectors who were at the junior school yesterday.

All in all, a pleasing week and one for the memory book of our pupils, staff, parents and governors alike.

The inspectors wished us to pass on their thanks for the great welcome they received, for the contribution of responses on questionnaires and for a group prepared to offer their time to speak to them. They also wished to thank the pupils and staff for making their day most enjoyable and very spiritual. We anticipate a favourable outcome when the report is compiled and ratified. A big well done to all!

Spirituality

Sunday 10th March - Week 9 of Ordinary time

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>

During Lent we are asking the children to take part in the Catholic Children's Society Lenten Appeal. This year the focus is on talents. Your child could think about how they could use their talents to make the world a brighter place. We would be grateful if you could support your child in fundraising during Lent. Funds are used by the CCS to provide family support and emergency grants to local vulnerable children and families that need it most. Collection boxes should be returned after the Easter holidays.

Year 3 went to Holy Cross for Mass on Ash Wednesday with their Year 6 buddies, and Year 4 and Year 5 walked to Holy Rosary Church in Sutton. Father Jim was kind enough to explain the parts of the Mass to the children. This supported their RE learning within the current topic.

 Table Talk Topic for this week: What colour would a zebra be if it took off its stripes? – 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

The New Mission Statement for the Federation

Dear Parents and Carers,
Please take time to read the draft Mission Statement below with your child and discuss the meaning of the statement and if you feel there should be any changes? Please email your comments into the office, where we will take on board all of your contributions.

At St Mary's we know that Jesus loves us. We seek to share and give witness to God's love, so that every child believes, as they **grow**, that the **love of Jesus** is always with them.

Sharing our love in school enables us to live the Gospel: 'Love one another' John 1

We believe each child is unique and should feel loved. We pride ourselves on the supportive **learning** we offer at St Mary's, where we aim to meet the needs of every child so that they can meet their full potential. In our community, lessons happen indoors and outside, at home, in school and in our parishes. Children are valued as individuals and they work hard. We pride ourselves on the progress they make.

St Mary's is a welcoming school, so we love coming to school: working and **playing** together as friends. We are a telling school. This means we keep each other safe, we share and we are kind.

The First AGM for the newly formed joint committee 2nd April 8pm to be held at the Infant School

Please keep this date free- we will be sending out descriptions of new roles- one may have your name on it! We will also be discussing ideas for a new name for the joint committee, constitution and how the money raised will be apportioned to each school. The success of this new venture will rely on your support and valuable contributions- please come and bring a friend.

ROAD SAFETY

It has been brought to our attention the pathway on Shorts Road, towards the railway bridge keeps getting heavily congested with parents and children from our school. Please can we remind all parents to keep the walkways clear from obstructions and to avoid blocking the walkway whilst in discussions with other parents. To maintain single file with oncoming pedestrians, this will prevent any people having to walk in the road. This is another plea to the people who pull onto the area at Pound Street Gate. This activity really compromises the safety of pedestrians. Recent information has identified a dark coloured Mercedes, with registration ending in MWK. Please refrain from blocking this pedestrian access.

Top of the Form Quiz Competition

On Wednesday 6th March, St Mary's got through to the semi-finals of the Sutton Rotary's Top of the Form quiz competition. Our opposition were Dorchester Primary School this time. The fantastic quiz team consists of: Orla, Gabriel, Tom, George and Harriet in year 6. St. Mary's strength has grown and grown and the children's confidence continues to blossom every round. Well done team! The children once again were fantastic representatives of our school and were leading every round and even ended up winning with a score of 71 - 39. Mary Bear continues to be there supporting as a mascot and a huge thank you to all the supporting adults who came along to cheer on the team! We look forwards to our semi-final round!



Stars of the Week - Week ending 8th March 2019

Elephant Class - Elizabeth N, Penguin Class - Alicia M, Bee Class - Callum R
Reindeer Class - Scarlet N, Cheetah Class - Maya L, Giraffe Class - Otto D,
Meerkat Class - Timmy B, Horse Class - Abisha J, Owl Class - Micah M
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!