



St Mary's Catholic Federation, Carshalton

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 24 February

Executive Headteacher, Mrs S Hulme. Chair of Governors, Mr B Tomkins

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 **Lead Safeguarding Person Nursery & Infant School:** Mrs M Quinn **Safeguarding Deputy:** Mrs S Hulme **Safeguarding Governor:** Mr A Scully

Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome to the second half term in spring. We have started off with 3 really successful parent meetings, thank you for attending.

As we come to the end of the old financial year and start planning for the new one, we hope to be able to share ideas at a later date for anticipated plans for school improvement. You may have seen the reporting in the news about changes to educational funding, this is a fact but one that we try to plan for in advance to minimise the effect. We appreciate the response from parents to requests for donations and for supporting the fund raising events. Working in partnership enables us to plan for high quality provision. The FSMs and SMIF have agreed that the money raised at the St Patricks event will be used to update and add to our reading book stock. Thank you in advance for this support.

School Meals Our new caterer, Claire, has settled well into the junior school family and is facilitating a good service. We continue to monitor this and have frequent conversations with the management of Caterlink. We have recently been informed that Caterlink have committed to providing unlimited salad, vegetables(not potatoes) and bread . We hope that the children will take full advantage of this. Huge thanks go to Miss Hurford for securing funding from Caterlink after submitting a bid to create a garden area to be used for growing fruit and vegetables in school. This food would then be shared in school meals.

Safeguarding The link to the PANTS rule has been included once again

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/underwear-rule-guide-for-parents.pdf?mc_cid=a75521557b&mc_eid=52994bf51b although we cover many subjects and issues in PSHE&C we also hope that families keep open communication going to ensure that we keep all of our children safe. We would also like to remind parents about monitoring the use of electronic devices , while some tools and programmes may be used by older siblings many are inappropriate for primary aged children. We also need to check activities when we invite friends to play. It's good to help each other and be more effective.

Communication with parents The next Parent Forum is to be held on Monday. Thank you for the positive feedback regarding the new style newsletters- however very disappointing to hear recently from some parents that they don't read them or share the information with each other especially when school closes and dates are detailed

Spirituality

Sunday 26th February - 8th 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.stmarysinfschool.org.uk/spirituality.php>



Table Talk returns to the newsletter this week with a suggested topic of conversation for your family to discuss at a meal time together. Some of these topics might take even longer. Topic for this week - **If you took all of the books out of a library, would it still be a library?** 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

News for the week

- Don't forget that World Book Day is next Thursday, 2nd March. The children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from a book, comic or any reading material. Normal health and safety rules apply about suitable footwear. Reception Classes are coming as a fairy-tale character, Princess, knight, dragon, etc
- **Star of the Week** - week ending 10th February - **Elephants** - Lorenzo Trigila, **Penguins** - Ewan Dinsdale, **Bees**- Emilie Winter, **Reindeer** - Esther Chack, **Giraffes** - Tiffany Mutumba, **Cheetahs** - Adriana Amarasekera, **Meerkats** - Daniel George, **Horses** - Hristian Markov, **Owls** - Pearl Nixon



NURSERY & INFANTS' SCHOOL



JUNIOR SCHOOL

Parent Forum Meeting 9am Infant School.	Mon 27 Feb	Parent Forum Meeting 9am Infant School.
Ash Wednesday - All children and staff to receive ashes in school 9am	Wed 1 Mar	Ash Wednesday - Year 3 & Year 6 to Holy Cross and Year 4 & Year 5 to Our Lady of the Rosary
Giraffe Class Liturgy 9am. Parents welcome	Thur 2 Mar	World Book Day - come dressed as a character from a book. Health & Safety rules apply
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	Fri 3 Mar	Swimming 4A, 5E & 5B Children's Disco 6pm to 7.45pm
Maths Workshop 9am to 9.45am	Mon 6 Mar	Maths Workshop 9am to 9.45am Year 4 to Carshalton Baptist Church for Easter Experience 1.30pm
Maths Workshop repeat 9am to 9.45am	Tue 7 Mar	Maths Workshop repeat 9am to 9.45am Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm Infants School - moved to 14 March.
Maths Workshop repeat 9am to 9.45am	Wed 8 Mar	Maths Workshop repeat 9am to 9.45am FSM Meeting 8pm
Cheetah Class Liturgy 9am. Parents welcome	Thur 9 Mar	Parents Prayers in the Chapel 2.45pm
Meerkat Class and Horse Class to Honeywood Museum		
Owl Class to Honeywood Museum	Fri 10 Mar	Swimming 4A, 5E & 5B SMIF & FSM St Patrick's Night at Junior School 7.30pm
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CAFOD Assembly children only	Mon 13 Mar	
Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm Infants School	Tue 14 Mar	Creativity Day Whole School Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm Infants School
	Wed 15 Mar	Year 5 attending Mass
Owl Class Liturgy 9am. Parents welcome	Thur 16 Mar	Parents Prayers in the Chapel 2.45pm Football match v Bandon Hill @ Wallington Sports Club
	Fri 17 Mar	Swimming 4A, 5E & 5B
Elephant Class school trip to Buckingham Palace	Tue 21 Mar	
Governors Open Day	Wed 22 Mar	Governors Open Day Year 3 Lenten Service Parents welcome 1.30pm
Penguins school trip to Buckingham Palace Horse Class Liturgy 9am. Parents Welcome	Thur 23 Mar	Governors Open Day - changed to 22 Mar Parents Prayers in the Chapel 2.45pm Football Match v Highview - Away
Bees class school trip to Buckingham Palace	Fri 24 Mar	Swimming 4A, 4R & 4P
Easter Reflection 2.30pm - children only	Mon 27 Mar	Football match v Barrow Hedges at home
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Creativity Day - Whole School Meerkat Class Liturgy 9am. Parents welcome Easter Reflection 2.45pm - children only NURSERY FINISH FOR EASTER BREAK	Thur 30 Mar	Year 5 leading the Easter Reflection 10.30am Year 3 AND YEAR 6 1.30PM Year 4 and year 5 plus parents/ guests
Easter Reflection 2.45pm - children only SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM	Fri 31 Mar	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM
INSET DAY 4	Tue 18 Apr	INSET DAY 4
SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM	Wed 19 Apr	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM Year 6 Height & Weight Measurement
SMIF Uniform Sale after school	Fri 28 Apr	
MAY BANK HOLIDAY	Mon 1 May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY
	Wed 3 May	Year 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
SMIF Table top Children's nearly new sale	Sat 6 May	
Height & Weight for Reception children	Mon 8 May	
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Crowning Of Mary Mass 9.15am with Bishop Paul - children only	Thur 11 May	
	Fri 19 May	Year 5 Under Canvas - stay overnight on school grounds
SCHOOL FINISHES 3.15PM	Fri 26 May	SCHOOL FINISHES 3.15PM
SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM	Mon 5 Jun	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
	Sat 17 Jun	Year 6 School Journey to IOW
Sutton schools work assembly 9am - children only	Mon 19 Jun	
SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM	Fri 21 Jul	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM
INSET DAY 1	Tue 4 Sept	INSET DAY 1
SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM	Wed 5 Sept	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM

Term dates can be viewed on either website

<http://www.stmarysinfchool.org.uk/files/diary/school-holiday-dates.pdf>

<http://www.stmarysjunior.org.uk/files/files/school-holiday-dates.pdf>