



22nd MAY 2020 - JOINT NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 24th MAY - 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs H Nicholls, Miss F Sullivan and Miss E Bryant **Safeguarding Governor:** Mr. T Richmond

Although the sharing of photographs with family and friends is a great thing to do, please be reminded of the schools safeguarding procedures and refrain from taking pictures at school events. Thank you for your support regarding this as we all need to work together to look after our pupils.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, we watch the government updates as one and hope to see the significant light of a brighter future coming together. One where we can be with family and friends and meeting at church for Mass. Part of this wish is for the children to be at school together too, learning, praying and playing together.

For the past nine weeks we have had schools open with a small number of pupils in attendance. From 1st June the government has asked us to welcome named year groups of children to attend.

Thank you for the positive responses received that reflect confidence and trust in our ability to provide a safe and secure environment for our pupils. We have a considerable number of parents who are keyworkers who are registered to attend already, these take priority. From there, we have allocated school places in line with risk assessment for our premises and staffing.

Places will be confirmed for children from Nursery to Yr 6 of keyworkers to attend from Monday 1st June on a full time basis.

Consideration was then given to the requests for places for Year Reception and Year 6 in line with government guidance for infant and primary schools.

For non-keyworker places in the year groups of Reception and Year 6, parents will receive an email offering a full time place from Monday 8th June.

For all other year groups, non-keyworker places will be allocated as risk assessment allows and as government restrictions are lifted in terms of pupils per class.

Thank you all for being patient, this has been a somewhat complex situation especially as the keyworker criteria has been expanded.

From 1st June we will be operating with full school policies in place for school uniform expectations and additional elements to the behaviour ladder which could potentially effect health and well-being during this current situation.

Drop off and collection times will be staggered and the school will close after lunchtime on a Friday. Please note that parent communication will continue throughout half term so please check your emails.

Finally - please accept our best wishes for a lovely half term break.

Spiritual

At a time when we are unable to visit our churches in person, and when things can seem uncertain, we are blessed that we know we are never alone in this. God is by our side. It must be difficult for our priests and other religious people, many of whom are having to shield alone. Mrs Norbury, our chaplain, organised messages for our clergy. Thank you to her, and also to the families who sent in their drawings, messages and prayers for vocations recently. These have been shared with our local parish priests. Laudato Si week was celebrated this half term too. The message of caring for our common home seems even more important now that we have had time to hear the birdsong around us, and seen what cleaner air looks and feels like.

The weekly reflections and prayers are always shared in the parent's room on Google, and on the weekly grids in your children's classrooms you will have seen the links to the Wednesday Word and SSW's weekly assembly. Reading the Wednesday Word together before or after virtual Mass can really help our young people understand the message of the Gospel: it will remind them too of the Liturgies we usually share in school.

Collections for the Food Bank continue. We would be grateful for any packaged food: there is a box at the Infants' site.

A reflection for today's Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. In normal times this would have been a Holy Day of Obligation, please find the links below:

Infants: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1cRCA89P1B0iRD3dd8ysVoad-_T5S0_qO_Z6hSQHTb9g

Juniors: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Oc2yw8Ed1IHqOB83-X32I2jaEvqzmzCAeXQjBG6TmNDA>

A lovely surprise from our Chaplain, Mrs Norbury

Click on the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1VrZYTCr1pZ6-y7aoY8wG6bIPj6pSssQ9kYFHAflgi04>

It brought me joy! What about you?

NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

News from Nursery

We find ourselves at the end of a unique half term. Thank you for your flexibility in working in partnership with us. It continues to be so exciting to see the amazing work online. Many thanks.

We hope that it will be helpful to summarise the main learning strands covered by our planning to date. We have enjoyed wonderful stories about Superheroes, such as "Supertato" and "Superworm". We learned about anti-heroes, such as "Evil Pea".

We have tried re-telling these stories in our own words, reading to an audience. We have met our new "Supersounds", d, p, t, c and ck. We searched for real objects at home that matched each sound. We have continued to count with the Numberblocks, into our "teen" numbers. We have learned about 2d and 3d shapes.

For RE, we saw new words, Pentecost, Alleluia, Holy Spirit and Easter. We celebrated our friendships. Much of our new learning has been helped by new songs and rhymes. We have taken exercise, to strengthen our bodies.

Please accept our warmest wishes for a safe, happy half term week. The sun is a great tonic, and the days are longer now.

News from Reception

We have come to the end of this half term home learning topic of Minibeasts. The children have enjoyed exploring and finding out new facts about a variety of different Minibeasts. They have also enjoyed a variety of minibeast stories such as 'The very hungry caterpillar' and created some fantastic Minibeast themed art and crafts around the Minibeast's of the week each week. As part of our weekly Rainbow Challenges the children have also enjoyed a variety of Minibeast themed Yoga, songs and dances. We also saw lots of you had celebrated VE Day in your own homes by making a variety of bunting, flag and food.

In Literacy the children have enjoyed reading the stories 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Very Busy Spider.' and have created their own story maps to help them rewrite the stories or their own version. The children have also learnt about two new minibeasts each week and have created their own fact books with various interesting facts. They have also been working very hard on their cursive handwriting. In phonics this half term the children have revisited phase 2,3 and 4.

Math's: This half term we have been very busy doubling and halving shapes, objects and numbers. The children have been challenged in each topic by beginning with practical tasks and progressed to worded problems. We have also looked at time and language related to time. The children have been learning to sequence daily events, days of the week and months of the year.

Thank you children and parents for all your hard work at home. We know that this is an unusual time for you all but the support you have given your children, each other and the school has been very much appreciated by everyone. We hope you all enjoy some rest and sunshine over half term. and we look forward to

News from Year 1

This half term the children have enjoyed exploring the topic "Moon Zoom" learning about all things space related. Our work in English was based around the text Man on the Moon. Thank you for sharing your work with us via the google classroom. We have enjoyed seeing all of the work that you have been doing at home. Keep it up. Mr. Taylor has been keeping us entertained with his stories and all his funny voices add to the enjoyment of listening to books. In math's we have been working on our multiplication and division; counting in 2s,5s and 10s, word problems and problem solving. During the month of May, we remember our Mother Mary and learned about The Rosary. In History we learned about Neil Armstrong and space travel. We also investigated women in space and looked at the life of Helen Sharman who was the first Britain in space. We also celebrated VE day and looked at why it was an important date in history. In geography we investigated maps and used a key. In science we learned about animals and their habitats and how animals are classified.

We have enjoyed lots of creative and outdoor learning activities and thank you for sharing these with us.

News from Year 2

"Scented Garden" has been our topic this half term which has provided great opportunities to explore different types of plants in Science at home and on your daily walks whilst we have all been at home. We have been very lucky with lovely sunshine and sounds and lots of you have enjoyed planting seeds outside, taking care of your garden and even building bug homes! The year 2 team have been proud of all of you

at home for working through the home learning grid and for keeping in touch on google. In English we have looked at different genres with a focus on a comic strip where you focused on a different sentence type each day. It has been great for us staff to see and hear about the variety of work you have been completing, including many creative activities with your families. Thank you for all your hard work at home and we look forward to seeing you all again.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

News from Year 3

All across year 3 Google Classroom has been filling up as teachers and pupils have added and responded to questions, facts and either/or scenarios. One example being, would you rather it rained cats or it rained dogs? The children have soldiered on through tricky topics in math's of money and fractions and they have turned in some very good poetry for English. After some work on VE day, this last week of term, they are returning to World War II, practicing their letter writing skills and writing letters to people who were present in those war years.

The topic in history has been the Celts. We have focused some time on Boudicca which rolls nicely into next term's history topic, the Romans. Geography has maintained its yearlong general topic of the local area and we hope the children have made the most of their daily exercise to make observations of where they live.

At the start of the term we looked to carry on some of the science from spring 2 and included on the home learning grids, bird identification work and data capture. From animals we have proceeded to look at plants which will continue into next term too.

News from Year 4

What's that I can hear? The tippity-tap of keyboard buttons since year 4 have been feverishly working on their home learning grids. We have had a Tudor filled term; pretending to be Henry VIII, getting locked in the Tower of London, creating historical maps and painting portraits just to name a few. The work the children have been sharing is fantastic and the year 4 teachers would like to thank all children and their families for jumping into this new style of learning so readily. We have loved keeping in contact over google classrooms and seeing the amazing things you have been up to at home.

Our geography and science have seen some families building rivers, making puddles and becoming avid cloud watchers - although hopefully we'll see less of those next term!

Math's has been a challenge, but has shown just how excellent at problem solving year 4 are and how resilient they are to learning too. We have looked again at decimals and fractions and hope this means that there were lots of equal shares of sweets and cakes! We also revised formal written methods for multiplication and division - possibly one of the hardest parts of math's to 'teach' for home learning so an extra big pat on the back for managing that. We hope the next term holds some in school learning for us and cannot wait to see you. In the meantime, stay safe and keep reading!

News from Year 5

This half term, children in Year 5 have been reading and writing a lot of poetry. We started with Benjamin Zephaniah's work and the children liked his animal themed poems about hedgehogs and his own cat Danny. The rainbow poems written by Year 5 were not only colourful, but full of wonderfully inventive imagery about colours. That isn't all they have been reading; there have been lots of book recommendations on the classrooms and the weekly edition of First News has been very popular. Baking has also been popular in Year 5: many pupils baked for VE Day celebrations and we have been developing ideas for pizzas in DT too, so reading messages from the children can make the teachers feel VERY hungry. Hopefully our revision of fractions has helped in the sharing out of pizza slices? The Learning

Journal tasks have been creative and varied as usual, but we have especially enjoyed reading some modern versions of the Good Samaritan. The good deeds carried out by people in your 2020 stories were great Year 5: we had Arsenal and Spurs fans, people queueing 2 meters apart in supermarkets and donations to Food Banks as themes for these. We have enjoyed hearing about lockdown birthdays, bike trips and daily exercise ideas. Well done everyone for adapting so well to home learning.

News from Year 6

It has been fantastic to hear about how everyone has adapted to learning at home using the home learning grids on Google Classroom. Your increased independence is evident in the work you have posted and it has been a pleasure to view. Many of you have used this unexpected time at home to embrace new skills, hobbies and experiences. We've heard all about your baking endeavors, artistic creations and sporting achievements during this time. We have been so lucky with the glorious sunshine; we hope you have taken full advantage of this on your walks or spending time outdoors.

As the summer 2 term approaches, we are looking forward to starting new topics in science and history. We will be learning about the Mayans - exploring their way of life and culture (including their important contributions to chocolate and their mysterious disappearance!). In science, we will be exploring the animal kingdoms and how different organisms can be classified and sorted based on characteristics.

We look forward to the learning of the next term and can't wait to see you all. Stay safe and have a lovely half term!



Music

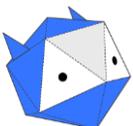
I hope you have been enjoying the different music activities with your families over the last few weeks. If you are looking for a game over the holidays why don't you try the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra - Orchestral Scores. Like Top Trumps and remember if your card has a higher score for that category, you win your opponent's card. The player with the most cards wins. Have fun!

[RPO Orchestral Scores Set One.pdf](#)

[RPO Orchestral Scores Set Two first five cards.pdf](#)

E-Safety -

Now more than ever it is important to speak to your child about being safe online. Go through the SAFE acronym and discuss the rules at home.



If you like playing Interland then you might enjoy making your own 'Google Interland Paper Internaut'. [Google Interland Paper Internaut.pdf](#)



For more information please see -

YouTube

It is important during this time that we are kept safe online. During this time many of you may be looking at technology in different ways in order to communicate with family and friends and that children will spend more time on YouTube. Please have a look at this link by Alan Mackenzie from 'The Association of Adult and Child Online Safety Specialist' on tips and features about using YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YvIfw7obwE&feature=youtu.be>



Children's Commissioner and NHS -

5 Steps to mental wellbeing Digital 5 a day useful guide giving parents and children easy to follow and practical steps to achieve a healthy and balanced digital diet. <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/our-work/digital/5-a-day/5-steps-to-mental-wellbeing>

Houseparty App -

This app has been around for years, but has just reached number 1 in the download charts, suggesting that more children and young people are using it to communicate and socialise. Wayne Denner has put together an article which will be of use to parents. The article is [Why is everyone using the Houseparty App](#)



ParentZone -

Need some more support in keeping your child safe online? Have a look at ParentZone which is designed to help parents facing challenges in this digital age.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

Here are some other great E-Safety links -

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

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

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

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

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

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/>



This term through the learning grids the children have been thinking about their rights and responsibilities as well keeping up to date with news stories from around the world. Alongside the usual headlines, take the opportunity this week to find out about some strange and random news stories! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/43245617>.

This week marks Mental Health Awareness Week with the theme of kindness. The charity Place 2 Be has launched a 'Kindness Cup competition' whereby children have been asked to celebrate the incredible acts of kindness taking place across our school communities. As a family can you nominate someone in our school community who deserves the kindness cup?

At the Infants, the children have been continuing to take part in weekly activities for PSHE. We had the chance at home to celebrate VE day and learn more about the important people in our community. It has been wonderful to see the positive and optimistic comments on google. Our school community has really come together in supporting each other which is really important during this time. Thank you to everyone who is continuing to take part in the "Weekend Walkies" and to share ways they are continuing to stay active.

Message from all the staff at St. Mary's Catholic Federation, Carshalton

Please click on the link below to view the message from all the staff at St. Mary's Catholic Federation, Carshalton.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQXP6PzexWB-GnQwrFQC8PbufQff7tP7DsLmOOgstfwmjxhhkypt6BW298Zoiss-lmuTVRuiltQf6i6/embed?start=true&loop=true&delayms=3000#slide=id.g77539dd640_8_5

Information for the next academic year

Transfer details will be shared in quite a different way this year. Please keep an eye on the school website under admissions for information in the coming weeks.

Transfer to high school information will be posted on their own websites.

"Are you a nurse looking for flexible / casual / term time hours? HRCH are recruiting bank nurses to their immunisation team locally.

Training and revalidation support offered as part of this role www.jobs.nhs.uk "

Job reference: [Bank Immunisation Nurse](#)

Immunology

Hounslow and Richmond Community Healthcare NHS Trust, Sutton and Merton, 5 teams across south London

This post is for general and pediatric nurses wanting to work between school hours, on a flexible only basis, we have bank positions in our various teams across south London: you may choose which team (s) you would like to work in. Bromley & Bexley, Lambeth & Southwark, Merton & Sutton and Wandsworth.

Salary: £24,214 - £30,112 pa pro rata

Posted: 18/05/2020

Job Type: Bank

Closing Date: 27/05/2020

Staff Group: Nursing & Midwifery Registered

Job Ref: 779-BANK-2424561

Kind Regards, Sutton & Merton Immunisation Team