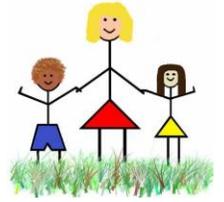




# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC FEDERATION, CARSHALTON NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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

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 & Carers,

You have lots of exciting activities to read about in this longer edition of the newsletter. Please do sit down with a cup of tea and enjoy reading about the children's latest experiences.

Parent Forum met this week, approved minutes will be posted on Google Drive following the approval at the following meeting in the following term. This is a really useful meeting to be held with great discussions - thank you for giving your time.

Mrs Hulme met with Caterlink again to have further discussion about how to manage portion size and meal choices in the junior school. We will keep you updated.

Look out for your child's completed PAR form that will be sent home after half term. Also look out for the annual Parent Survey to be completed during the PAR evenings too. Thank you for your support and best wishes for a lovely half term.

## **Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural Development**

### **Nursery & Infant School**

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who continue to support our Thursday Liturgies. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to share with the children the Gospel message for the following Sunday. After Christmas the children explored the theme of "Local Church" which is our story. They learned that the parish is where people gather together to celebrate and practise care and love for each other. Each year group explored a particular theme; Early Years - Celebrating, Year 1 - Special people and Year 2 - Books. In the summer term they will go on to explore the story of the worldwide community; the "Universal Church." Looking ahead to the season of Lent which begins this year on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, we would like to support the Catholic Children's Society Lenten appeal "Lenten Quest." This encourages children to go on a quest searching for ways to put their faith into action and grow closer to God. Money raised will make a difference to our brothers and sisters in need, providing help to children and young people in poverty. Please look out for the collection boxes going home after the half term break.

Mary Bear has returned from her pilgrimage to Fatima and is gradually sharing her stories with all classes. During their chaplaincy sessions this half term, Year 1 learned about the message of peace which Mary shared with the Fatima visionaries. We thought about how we can be peacemakers in our world and spent time in quiet prayer, asking the Lord to guide our thoughts and actions. Reception classes have also each had a chaplaincy session this half term focusing on the Our Father. We used props, images and actions to help explain some of the tricky words in this prayer. The children particularly loved clapping their hands above their heads whilst saying 'Heaven'.

### **Junior School**

This half term chaplaincy sessions have supported Year 4 in their RE topic Community. We used pebbles to help us reflect on our journey through the sea of life, with all its ups and downs, as we make our way to the fullness of life in our heavenly home with the Father.



#### **Table Talk**

Table Talk' suggests a 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 could eat a sweet that meant you would never fail, would you?**

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.

## NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

### News from Nursery

Ladybirds have had such an exciting time this half term with our 'Fairy tales' topic. We have enjoyed listening to and re-telling a selection of popular fairy tales. We planted a magic bean and watched it rapidly grow across the classroom, solved the mystery of who messed up our home corner and ate all the porridge and worked together to build our own troll caves. Inspired by the story of 'The Gingerbread man' we made and baked our own gingerbread men. Just like in the story, some of ours escaped from the oven! Luckily we solved the clues they left and still got to enjoy some tasty gingerbread. Thank you to our wonderful families for encouraging the children to go on sound hunts around the house to find objects beginning with our sound of the week. It has been wonderful sharing these items from the sound box with the rest of the class.

### News from Reception

We have had a great time 'stomping' our way through our dinosaur topic from finding and nurturing dinosaur eggs to digging up fossils. The children have learnt a lot and enjoyed every new challenge along the way. We had a very peaceful and calming mindfulness workshop which the children thoroughly enjoyed and has become part of our provision in early years. The children attended their second chaplaincy session and learnt the words and some actions to the Lord's prayer. Thank you to our wonderful families for creating amazing dinosaurs as part of the children's homework. The children were so proud of what they had created and loved sharing them with year 1 & 2 in an assembly. Next half term we look forward to magical happenings in our 'Did dragons exist?' topic.

### News from Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy half term learning about Superheroes. We began the topic with a Superhero Day; children came to school dressed as their favourite Superhero. We had a day creating Superhero Art, a Superhero treasure hunt and lots of other exciting activities ending with a parade. In English we wrote stories based on the books "Superworm", "Traction Man" and "Supertato". In Maths we learned about number bonds to 20 and ways to add and subtract 1 digit numbers up to 20. In History the children have been researching historical figures who were real life superheroes including Florence Nightingale and Robert Falcon Scott. Finally thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who came to Mass with us at Holy Cross Church. This was also an opportunity for the children to celebrate the end of their RE topic on "Special People." At the end of Mass they heard from some of the parishioners about their roles within the parish and all the jobs they do in church.

### News from Year 2

This half term year 2 have been busy with their topic of Beat Band Boogie. We began the topic by making musical instruments, learning about how sound was made and finished the

topic by performing to the school in a Year 2s Got Talent. In English we looked at Peter and the Wolf where we retold the story and wrote a newspaper article. We were busy in Geography where we learned about the oceans, continents and where the equator was.

**Star of the week - week ending 2nd February Ladybirds AM** -Oscar Sims and Deisy Ducaj, **Ladybirds PM** - Jakub Bus and Ryan Deloughery, **Penguin Class** - Patrick Doherty & Thomas Tuznik, **Bees Class** - Elodie Chaplin & Sophia Gavin, **Elephant Class** - Otto Davies & Ava Ryan, **Reindeer Class** - Sophia Saran , **Giraffe Class** - Ewan Dinsdale, **Cheetah Class** - David Thorley, **Meerkat Class** - Laura Roszkowska, **Horse Class** - Cyia Lee, **Owl Class** - Aurelio Pepaj

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### News from Year 3

As the spring term began the children of year 3 dived straight into the theme of traditional tales which formed the basis of most of the English learning this term. The children created some wonderful tales of their own making sure they included the features they had learnt over the term. The most intriguing theme used was that of the "power of 3" that I hope your children will be able to explain what it means. We ended the half term preparing for the next half term, looking briefly at the theme of myths with a snake themed adventure awaiting them upon their return to school after the holiday.

In Maths we looked at the column methods of addition and subtraction and the children made some amazing progress. The children also looked at ways that we can measure mass, volume, capacity and length; leading on to looking at perimeter.

We had a wonderful interschool Boccia tournament that the children were incredibly excited about and learnt some new skills from a sport most had never heard of before. The children took part in basic first aid training and showed incredible enthusiasm and working together when taking part in the training.

In other news the children looked at their own skeletons and paid particular attention to nutrition and what we need to have a balanced diet. The children were able to get hands on with different types of food and look at the categories they would fall into in our diet. Prior to this learning the children completed their own food diaries so that they were able to see if they had a balanced diet.

### News from Year 4

The term began in excitement with a Boccia tournament which the children entered into with great gusto with all 3 classes receiving certificates (this week) for their fantastic efforts.

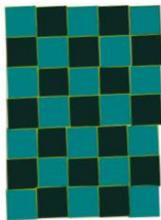
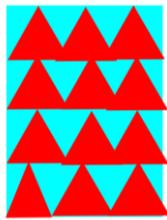
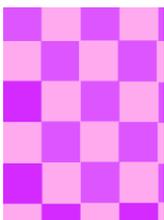
Poetry has been our focus in English with the children being creative with their language, consolidating their knowledge of similes and metaphors and other types of figurative language. We then shared these within the classroom celebrating our success'.

Thank you to the many parents who were able to join us last week for our 'community' service. The children have spent the half term exploring the communities that they are a part of and how we celebrate the different events within the community. We had a beautiful chaplaincy session with Mrs Norbury, where we further explored our journey of life. Our service celebrated all this learning- a special thank you must go to the children as they showed such reverence during our service enabling this to be such a wonderful event.

Our half term has finished off with DT day where the children have researched, designed, created and made light- up photo frames. The children have had the opportunity to use a variety of tools (including saws!) to make their frames- Well done Year 4!

### News from Year 5

As the Spring term began in earnest, year 5 settled in quickly and have shown maturity and renewed focus to their work. In Science, we studied the solar system and the lunar cycle and many children took advantage of seeing the super blue blood moon last week (an event which will not happen again in our lifetime!) Our main focus in English has been non chronological texts as well as instructional texts and the children have been enjoying "Butterfly Lion" in guided reading. We are looking forward to meeting John Press, our author visitor, after the half term. Maths Mastery has been embraced by everyone and it is great to see children understanding concepts at greater depth. The children have enjoyed basketball in PE and in art we have looked at the work of Escher. Once finished, the children will show you their unique tessellations. Please take a look at some of our tessellations created using software during our Computing lessons.



The E safety talk was insightful and hopefully the children have spoken to you about it. Finally, the children were fortunate enough to watch the performance of "Sister Act" at St Philomena's to round off the half term.

#### **Completed tessellations from :**

Joy Amedor - 5 Sycamore

Liam Stinson - 5 Elm

Gabriel Parsons - 5 Birch

### News from Year 6

Year 6 have started off their year as busy as ever and came back from Christmas break motivated to tackle their New Year's target. They have continued their fantastic attitude to their learning and personal growth. We started the month by researching the tragic events of the Holocaust. This led to a very moving and respectful Holocaust Memorial

Service where Year 6 presented reflective and heartfelt poems and music to help us all remember the horrific tragedy and how to ensure it never happens again.

In science we have been examining the effects of light and shadow and the year group had a great time applying their knowledge of these concepts to help a mountain climber stuck in a blizzard.

We also had a very informative E-Safety seminar and were reminded of some very important strategies we can use to help keep ourselves and others safe online. Please talk to your children about some of these issues to help keep all of us safe in the online world. There are some great links in the newsletter to help keep yourselves up to date.

Our Top of the Form team also took part in their first round against All Saints, and whilst we unfortunately did not get through, our team should be proud of the effort they made and their ability to answer some incredibly difficult questions.

### **Sports**

It's been an exciting half term for all pupils in terms of sports at the juniors. Each term we are holding an intra school tournament which gives every child the opportunity to take part in a competition. Our autumn term competition (held at the very beginning of this term as the hall was so busy!) was a Boccia tournament. Using skills and drills from this paralympic sport put all children on a level and brought out some fierce competitive faces and lovely sportsmanship qualities from all the children.

Suzy Brooks from the Sutton School Sports Partnership came in to host the tournament and then returned this week to give out certificates for winners of stations in different year groups.

Overall winners of the competition were:

1st- 6 Chestnut with 97 points

2nd - 6 Oak with 92 points

3rd - 5 Elm with 85 points

This term's tournament is going to be a multiskill style competition and will give all children a chance to represent their class again. Well done everyone!

The Infants school held mindfulness workshops for each class with Suzy Brooks from Sutton Sports Partnership. The children took part in a range of activities including meditation, tai chi and breathing exercises. The activities support the children to relax and feel calm. The staff also joined in with the activities and are exploring ways to introduce them into our daily practice, watch this space...

Children's comments:

"I'm so sleepy I could go to bed!" - Ladybirds

"I'm so chilled!" - Penguins

"That was so relaxing!" - Owls

## **E-Safety - Safer Internet Day Tuesday 6th February**

As part of E-Safety day on Tuesday 6th February with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you". Classes from Year 1 to Year 6 have all had a talk and workshop given by Steve Welding - Education E Safety Advisor. Thank you to all classes and teachers for taking part. Parents we hope you discuss with your child what they have learnt during these talks and lessons.

Here are some great E-Safety links -

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

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

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

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

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

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

# PSHE

Association **PSHE and E-Safety Week**

This term in PSHE, the focus has been Health and Wellbeing. At the start of the term each class considered their new year's resolutions to improve their wellbeing. Through discussions in class they realised the importance of it. The children were able to offer sensible and realistic pledges such as reducing screen time on gadgets and focussing on purpose. As part of E Safety Week; each class attended an E Safety workshop with Steve Welding. Key elements of staying safe online were discussed such as : sharing information, correct ways to communicate online as well as the consent age for social media accounts which is 13.



Following on each year group looked at keeping safe in school, home and in the local community. The core theme of lessons for next term will be Relationships : Valuing Difference. Topics will include : stereotypes; different types of relationships; respecting similarities and differences; prejudice; bullying and discrimination and respecting others' feelings and opinions.

## Junior Travel Advisors/ School Travel Plan

Thank you to everyone that applied from various year groups! Do not worry if you didn't get picked as your ideas, voices and opinions will be taken into consideration whenever the Junior Travel advisors feedback to class weekly.

The Junior Travel Advisors includes new and returning members. We meet on Monday Lunchtimes in Miss Mayanja's classroom:

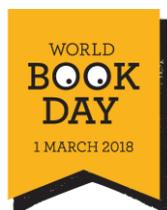
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**4 Poplar** : Ciara   **4 Ash** : Orla   **4 Rowan** : Maisie

**5 Birch**: Bella   **5 Elm** : Lia   **5 Sycamore** : Myles

**6 Chestnut** : Joel      **6 Oak** : Aoife C

### World Book Day events 2018



On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 we will be celebrating World Book Day. We would like all children across St. Mary's Catholic Federation to have the opportunity to dress up as a book character from one of their favourite books. There will be a range of events planned for the day to help mark the occasion across the world.

Please be as inventive as you can and recycle/use materials already found around the home to put together a costume. For costume inspiration please visit <http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/> where there are some helpful costume suggestions. The most imaginative costume from each class will be awarded a prize!

Children will also receive a £1 World Book Day book token. When your child receives their book token, all you need to do is to take it to your local participating bookshop and swap it for one of the ten (completely free) World Book Day books. Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off a full price book instead.

At the Juniors, we are fortunate enough to have a visit from an author, John Press, who will be coming in to talk to each year group at the Junior School before World Book Day.

## Awards & Achievements

### **St Mary's Awards - Spring 1**

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| <b>3 Mulberry</b> - Kayne Hookins | <b>3 Willow</b> - Kizzy Gayle      | <b>3 Hawthorn</b> - Alexander Brzezinski |
| <b>4 Ash</b> - Lila Kosla         | <b>4 Poplar</b> - Isabelle D'Souza | <b>4 Rowan</b> - Marcel Zasadzinski      |
| <b>5 Birch</b> - Jeffrey Ikhuoria | <b>5 Elm</b> - Isabella Morreale   | <b>5 Sycamore</b> - Thomas Stevens       |
| <b>6 Chestnut</b> - Eleanor Said  | <b>6 Oak</b> - Liam Wylie          |  |



## NURSERY & INFANTS' SCHOOL

**SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM**



## JUNIOR SCHOOL

**SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM**

CAFOD Assembly	<b>Mon 19 Feb</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation in Chapel for children
	<b>Tue 20 Feb</b>	PAR meetings for parents and children by appointment 5pm to 8pm
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Chaplain Liturgy 9am. Parents welcome.  Thinking Day - All girls in Rainbows & Brownies have permission to come to school in their uniforms <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES 2PM</b> PAR meetings for parents and children by appointment 2.20PM TO 5PM	<b>Thur 22 Feb</b>	Thinking Day - All girls in Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have permission to come to school in their uniforms  <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES 2PM</b>  PAR meetings for parents and children by appointment 2.20PM TO 5PM
	<b>Fri 23 Feb</b>	Author visit - John Press presenting a workshop and assembly for Years 3 and 5.  Swimming 4A, 4P & Mixed group
	<b>Mon 26 Feb</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation in Chapel for children
	<b>Tue 27 Feb</b>	Author visit - John Press presenting a workshop and assembly for Years 4 and 6.
	<b>Wed 28 Feb</b>	SATS/ Relationship & Sex Ed meeting for year 6 parents 7pm
WORLD BOOK DAY - Children come dressed as a character from a book.  Reindeer Class liturgy 9am. Parents welcome  SMIF & FSM joint committee meeting 7-8pm at the infant School.  8pm SMIF meeting - All welcome	<b>Thur 1 Mar</b>	WORLD BOOK DAY - Children come dressed as a character from a book.  SMIF & FSM joint committee meeting 7-8pm at the infant School.
	<b>Fri 2 Mar</b>	Swimming 4A, 4P & Mixed group
	<b>Mon 5 Mar</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation in chapel for children
<b>Year 1 End of RE topic celebration - children only</b>	<b>Wed 7 Mar</b>	<b>Healthy Stars Cooking Workshop with parents after school</b>
Penguin Class Liturgy 9am. Parents welcome	<b>Thur 8 Mar</b>	
	<b>Fri 9 Mar</b>	Swimming 4A, 4P & Mixed group Children's School Disco 6pm to 7.45pm
	<b>Mon 12 Mar</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation in Chapel for children
	<b>Wed 14 Mar</b>	IOW meeting for year 6 parents 7pm <b>Healthy Stars Cooking Workshop with parents after school</b>

Bees Class Liturgy 9am. Parents welcome.	Thur 15 Mar	Year 4 Easter Experience
	Fri 16 Mar	Swimming 4A, 4P & Mixed group
	Mon 19 Mar	Sacrament of Reconciliation in chapel for children
Full Governing Body Meeting Junior School 7pm	Tue 20 Mar	Full Governing Body Meeting Junior School 7pm Healthy Stars Cooking Workshop with parents after school
Elephants Class Liturgy 9am. Parents welcome	Thur 22 Mar	
	Mon 26 Mar	Sacrament of Reconciliation in chapel for children
NURSERY FINISHES	Wed 28 Mar	Easter Reflection led by Year 5 11am for Years 3 & 5 1.30pm for year 4 and Parents
Stations of the Cross - Chaplain Liturgy 9am. Parents welcome	Thur 29 Mar	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM
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INSET DAY 4	Mon 16 Apr	INSET DAY 4
SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM	Tue 17 Apr	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
	Wed 18 Apr	Year 5 trip to Bough Beech Water Reservoir
	Thur 19 Apr	Year 5 trip to Bough Beech Water Reservoir
	Fri 20 Apr	Swimming 3M, 3W & 3H
Reception - Height & Weight Measurement	Mon 23 Apr	
Penguin Class to Buckingham Palace Mews Reception - Height & Weight Measurement	Tue 24 Apr	
Reception - Height & Weight Measurement	Wed 25 Apr	Creativity Day - Whole School Learning Journal to be sent home with the topic of "Summer"
Bees Class to Buckingham Palace Mews	Thur 26 Apr	
Elephant Class to Buckingham Palace Mews	Fri 27 Apr	Assembly with Tom Brake - children only Swimming 3M, 3W & 3H
	Tue 1 May	Crowning of Mary 9am children only
Class photos	Wed 2 May	Class and group photos
Parent Forum Meeting 9am Junior School Crowning of Mary Mass 9am children only	Thur 3 May	Parent Forum Meeting 9am Junior School
	Fri 4 May	Swimming 3M, 3W & 3H
BANK HOLIDAY	Mon 7 May	BANK HOLIDAY
	Fri 11 May	Swimming 3M, 3W & 3H
	Mon 14 May	SATS WEEK
	Fri 18 May	Swimming 4A, 4P & 4R
	Fri 25 May	Swimming 4A, 4P & 4R
SCHOOL FINISHES		SCHOOL FINISHES
SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM	Mon 4 June	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
	Tue 5 June	Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
	Thur 7 June	Year 3 trip to Butser Farm - Please note change of date to Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
	Fri 8 June	Swimming 4A, 4P & 4R
	Fri 15 June	Swimming 5B, 5S & 5E
	Sat 16 June	School Journey for Year 6
	Thur 21 June	New Year 3 2018 Intake Parents meeting 7pm
	Fri 22 June	Swimming 5B, 5S & 5E

New Reception 2018 Intake Parents Meeting 2pm	<b>Tue 26 Jun</b>	
New Nursery 2018 Intake Parents Meeting 9.30am	<b>Wed 27 Jun</b>	
	<b>Fri 29 June</b>	Year 5 Under Canvas event
	<b>Tue 3 Jul</b>	Year 5 Coffee morning 9.30am to 10.30am to discuss any concerns you have about transfer to high school. This is not a presentation but a chance to ask questions.
	<b>Wed 4 Jul</b>	Year 5 Coffee afternoon 2pm to 3pm to discuss any concerns you have about transfer to high school. This is not a presentation but a chance to ask questions.
Full Governing Body Meeting Infant School 7pm	<b>Tue 10 Jul</b>	Full Governing Body Meeting Infant School 7pm
Year 2 attending year 6 Production at the Junior School	<b>Tue 17 Jul</b>	Year 6 Production 1.30pm & 7pm. All welcome.
<b>NURSERY FINISHES</b>	<b>Thur 19 July</b>	Final Assembly - children only
<b>SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM</b>	<b>Fri 20 Jul</b>	Leavers Mass 11am. Year 6 Parents welcome <b>SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM</b>
<b>INSET DAY 5</b>	<b>Mon 23 Jul</b>	<b>INSET DAY 5</b>
<b>INSET DAY 1</b>	<b>Mon 3 Sept</b>	<b>INSET DAY 1</b>
<b>INSET DAY 2</b>	<b>Tue 4 Sept</b>	<b>INSET DAY 2</b>
<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM</b>	<b>Wed 5 Sept</b>	<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</b>
Individual & Sibling Photos	<b>Tue 16 Oct</b>	Individual & Sibling Photos
<b>SCHOOL FINISHES</b>	<b>Fri 19 Oct</b>	<b>SCHOOL FINISHES</b>
<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM</b>	<b>Mon 29 Oct</b>	<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</b>
<b>SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM</b>	<b>Fri 21 Dec</b>	<b>SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM</b>