

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 - SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER

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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 M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs F Black & Mr S Pratsis & Mrs E Heath, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

### *A message from Mrs Hulme*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We once again welcomed visitors to the school on Tuesday as part of Sutton and Merton Catholic Schools peer review process. The visiting headteachers were very impressed with our new outdoor area for Reception classes. They remarked that the children were lucky to have an amazing activity area. So a further thank you goes to the PTA for their financial contributions raised by the families in the school community.

We currently have a number of spaces in our reception classes, an unusual occurrence. If you have friends looking for a school place-, please share the information. We are happy to give new people a tour if they contact the school office to make an appointment. It is really important for us to fill all pupil spaces to be able to secure maximum funding.

You may have seen the headlines in the news this week regarding universal free school meals for all primary children from September. We have already had the inspection in the school kitchen to assess for capacity. A small amount of re organising will be needed but generally, we are good to go with this Government initiative in the autumn term.

The information hasn't been too clear but currently applications for families who are eligible for Pupil Premium will still be processed.

Enjoy the weekend with longer hours of daylight.



### Football

The boys A team visited the grounds of Carshalton Boys to play a match against Muschamp Primary School. After conceding a goal early on, the boys worked hard to come back and score some brilliant goals themselves. The team played so well together, encouraging and supporting each other throughout. The game finished 7-1 to St Mary's, with Michael K being awarded Man of the Match for his hard work and speed across the pitch. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to all the families for coming along to support.



### Netball

On Monday afternoon, a team of 8 children in Year 6 took part in a netball tournament at St Philomena's. The team played out of position for most of the game, taking advantage of the experience of trying all the different positions on the court. Unfortunately, the team didn't make the finals, but they played really well together and embraced the challenges. Well done to everyone who took part!



### Multi-skills

10 pupils from Year 6 took part in a multi-skills event on Friday morning. The pupils had the chance to play tennis, squash, playball and hockey. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn a new skill and apply these to different games. A big thank you to all the families who came and supported on this very cold morning and a huge well done to everyone who took part!



# News for the week

## Infant - Stars of the Week

R Hedgehog	Noah
R Fox	Amanda
R Squirrel	Rowan
1 Robin	Aadherai
1 Sparrow	Mithiran
1 Wren	Catherine
2 Heron	Gabriel
2 Jay	Quinn
2 Woodpecker	Nina

## Junior - House Points

4 <sup>th</sup> place is Clitheroe	
3 <sup>rd</sup> place is More	
2 <sup>nd</sup> place is Becket	
1 <sup>st</sup> place is Fisher	

## Juniors - Star Writer

3 Willow	Kaelin
3 Mulberry	Finlev
3 Hawthorn	Anuki
4 Poplar	Lewis
4 Ash	Clare
4 Rowan	Jeremiah
5 Elm	Claire
5 Sycamore	Blossom
5 Birch	Cayden
6 Copper Beech	Aoife
6 Oak	Elliot
6 Chestnut	Laura

## Spirituality

The forty days of the Lent Season began last week on Ash Wednesday. We will journey with the Lord this season to prepare ourselves for Easter and the joy of the Resurrection. Father Henry from Holy Cross parish celebrated Mass at the Infants and ashes were distributed at a service the Juniors.

'Table Talk Topic of the Week' - Can you touch the wind?



As a school, we aim for 97.4% attendance, which would bring us in line with the expectations. Unfortunately, many children had not achieved this percentage last term. We really need the help of our parents to raise our attendance this term by ensuring children are attending school each day.

Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
Froglet AM Nursery	95.8	0.3
Froglet PM Nursery	79.2	0.2
R Fox	94.0	0.5
R Hedgehog	93.0	0.2
R Squirrel	96.5	1.1
1 Robin	93.9	0.6
1 Sparrow	94.1	0.3
1 Wren	93.3	0.5
2 Jay	96.2	0.4
2 Woodpecker	95.8	0.6
2 Heron	94.1	0.2
3 Mulberry	96.9	0.2
3 Willow	96.1	0.1
3 Hawthorn	97.3	0.2
4 Poplar	96.5	0.6
4 Ash	94.8	0.4
4 Rowan	95.8	1.7
5 Elm	96.9	0.3
5 Birch	95.5	0.4
5 Sycamore	96.2	0.1
6 Chestnut	96.0	0.4
6 Oak	96.2	1.1
6 Copper Beech	96.4	0.1

## Caterlink - Annual Survey

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and the feedback will help Caterlink address any areas that may require attention. Please could you complete the link below;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SXTJBPN>

## Safeguarding News

### Online Gaming – The White Hatter

The rise of video games as the preferred medium for children and young people to blow off steam, has been going on for over three decades now. Ever since the launch of the affordable computer, and the gaming console children and young people having been hooked. And with every evolution, it is only a matter of time before the price of novel gaming technologies drops to the level that it becomes ubiquitous. When that occurs it doesn't take long for it to filter into the common youth culture, creating terms of reference that are difficult for the lay person to decipher. The White Hatter has recently published an article, which seeks to clear up some of the confusion presented by such popular phenomena. To read more follow the link below: <https://thewhitehatter.ca/online-gaming/>

## Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word - <https://www.papertun-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/encouragement?pid=MTA101634&v=85.8>