



Weekly Newsletter-Friday 3rd May

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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.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, may we share best wishes for the upcoming long weekend with another four-day week to follow. This week has been a time for honouring Our Lady with crowning services held in each school. Bishop Paul visited the infant school for the blessing on Wednesday. Thank you for the lovely contributions of flowers to enhance the occasion in both schools.

The netball team won their section of the borough tournament last Saturday hosted at Overton Grange High School. A cruel wind was blowing together with rain. The girls made us proud and returned with a well-earned shield. Congratulations to them and to Mrs Owens who clocked up her 22nd year as netball coach!

Year three enjoyed a trip to Butser Farm and a geography visit to Carshalton Village this week. Other year groups also have exciting trips arranged for this term as well as a whole school pilgrimage for the junior children to Westminster Cathedral later in the month.

Thank you parents for enabling these to happen and for offering to accompany the classes.

Spirituality

Sunday 4th May - Week 3 of Easter

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>

We have enjoyed the sunshine this week, and have welcomed the month of May. During May, we make a special effort to remember Mary, patron of our school. At the Juniors, the school joined for a celebration liturgy, when our Head Boy and Head Girl placed a crown of flowers on the statue which is usually in our office, and we prayed a litany. It was interesting to see all the paintings of Our Lady from across different times and countries. All Junior children have the opportunity to pray the Rosary during May. This takes place every Thursday at 12:30. Children are welcome to bring their own rosaries, although we do have plenty, which they are welcome to borrow.

At the Infant School Mrs Norbury has led pupils and teachers in praying the Rosary outside near Mary's Grotto and, at the Junior School, in the Chapel. It is lovely to see so many of our young people taking the time to pray in this way.

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." Sr. Lucia of Fatima

"The Rosary is a school of Prayer. The Rosary is a school of Faith." Pope Francis



Table Talk Topic for this week - 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

Launch of St. Mary's Alumni Event

We are very happy to be launching **St Mary's Alumni** this term. We have an opening night booked in for Tuesday 7th May, all past staff and pupils (over 18) are welcome to attend and reminisce. This will start with tours of the school at 6pm and close around 8pm and will be held at the junior school. Please pass this date on to other friends who may be outside of our school community.



Sutton Schools Netball Rally

Last Saturday, as Hurricane Hannah hit Sutton, the Netball A-team arrived at Overton Grange School for the annual Sutton Schools Rally. The team played 5 matches and some were really hard fought. They knew that goal difference might be a factor so they made a supreme effort to score as many goals as possible in very testing conditions. The girls were fine ambassadors of St. Mary's, appreciating their teammates play and the skills of their opponents.

After 2 hours, the results were in and St. Mary's were announced winners of the Sutton B league rally. All saints Benhilton were placed second and we had won by a goal difference of one!

Well done to Orla R, Cara W, Tegan M, Molly S, Josie W, Fazaih A, Ella F, Harriet R, Isabella M and Maia M our super sub and principle supporter. Once again thank you to all those parents and relatives that supported the girls

G. Owens

Summer Uniform

It is lovely to see the summer uniform - thank you for fulfilling school expectations and policy.

Please can all changes for arrangements at pickup be telephoned into the school offices rather than emailed, as this prevents a delay in communication on the day! Thankyou

Woodcote Garden Vouchers

When visiting Woodcote Garden Centre, please do not forget to collect your Woodcote garden vouchers for the school, which will benefit the children and the gardens. Thank you in advance.

The FSM BBQ is fast approaching; rain or shine we are very enthusiastic about confirming this event for everyone on the school calendar. It brings together the community of children, families and teachers we value and are so proud of.

The invitation is open to the whole school but in particular it is hoped the current **Year 2** families will attend so that we can welcome you to the Junior school and the current **Year 6** families are also our special guests so we can wish you all good luck as many of you move on in September with your children. **Year 3** please come and say goodbye to your buddies! The event was unable to run last year so this is your chance to make up for it. Photos will be allowed on the day so it will be great opportunity to get those group friend and buddy photos on school grounds. There will be parent organised games and music.

The BBQ entry ticket will include a sausage and a burger in a bap. Children will be able to help themselves to squash and create their own cupcake dessert. There will be a bar for adults to purchase their drinks so we ask you **DO NOT** bring any with you, please though, feel free to bring and share your own BBQ side dishes.

Saturday 11th May - 3pm to 6pm

Tickets £5 per person (adult or school aged child)

Please could you bring in your acceptance and money to the school by Friday 2nd May at 3.15pm.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 3rd May 2019

Elephant Class - Lewis N, Penguin Class - Bernasia M, Bee Class - Kai D

Reindeer Class - Jack C, Cheetah Class - Antoni O, Giraffe Class - Francis S,

Meerkat Class - Jakob K, Horse Class - Ria S, Owl Class - Robert W

Well done to all of the Stars of the week!