



Weekly Newsletter-Friday 23rd November

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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. G Owens and Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputy: Mrs. S Hulme Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

Dear Parents and Carers,

The excitement continues- plans for both Christmas Fayres are well underway as well as the Christmas concerts being prepared. The severe frost this week has also added to the atmosphere.

The shared school website is finally ready to be launched and today is the day! Please try to find some time to take a look. We try to monitor it regularly as sometimes items seem to slip from view. Please do email the office if you spot something that needs to be reviewed.

We have had a query about governor's fund- so for clarification requests go out for separate contributions for each family for each school- this is due to us having separate registration for each school. The governors really appreciate the contributions to help with school improvements. Please also remember to complete a gift aid form too as this provides us with extra money as tax rebate.

FSMs Quiz Night.

Thank you to all who supported last night - it was another resounding success.

The stars of the show once again were "Dads Army Team". We are sure that there is a team to knock them off the top spot next time- get quizzing!

Safeguarding

*Please be reminded that scooting and cycling is not allowed in the school grounds by children or adults due to safety requirements.

*As the dark nights are drawing in, we ask that you take the opportunity to speak to your children about road safety and also stranger danger. It is really worth taking the time to have a chat about this as its always important to be aware of situations that can be avoided and simple messages that can keep our children safe.

Spirituality

Sunday 25th November - 34th 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.stmarysinfchool.org.uk/spirituality.php>

We are delighted with the response to our socks for the homeless appeal and have **508** pairs so far. This week's chilly weather has really brought home to us the need for these essential items. The appeal for donations will continue for one more week - the final date for receiving socks is 30th November. Grateful thanks to you all.

Congratulations to our new Infant Chaplaincy Reps: Oscar Joseph and Sapphire Maldeniya in Horses Class, Isaac Stenning and Eilyn Thomas in Meerkats Class, Lorenzo Trigila and Sami Gasre in Owls Class. They have been busy helping Mrs Norbury to collect socks for the homeless from each class and for telling the school about the appeal during Sing and Praise.



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: Would it be okay to blast our rubbish into space? -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



NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

www.smcsc.org.uk

Check out our new website, launched today!

- Please note this is still having some tweaks whilst we merge the both schools



Thank you to the junior children for their wonderful Christmas card designs which will go onto cards for those in need in our community.

We thought you might like to see a montage of some of them. Eight designs have been entered into the Diocesan Education Commission's Christmas card competition and we will let you know if one of them is chosen as their final design.



A reminder that next Wednesday, pupils may wear a red accessory with their school uniform as it is **#RedWednesday**. Please take a look at <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-2018/> to see why we support this international charity. Look out for local buildings which will be red on this day: Holy Cross Church is usually lit up, and the Houses of Parliament (which may feature on the news) was red last year too.

Lost property - we do accumulate a large amount in each school.

Please remember to take the time to label all items. From time to time we also have items handed in of great worth. We are holding something of value currently at the junior school, so please contact us if you have recently lost something. We are also holding a number of different glasses, which are still unclaimed.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 23rd November,

Reindeer Class - Grace Dickson, **Cheetah Class** - Nathan Babu, **Giraffe Class** - Isabella Reeves,
Meerkat Class - Laura Palosz, **Horse Class** - Amelia Leashkevich, **Owl Class** - Emilie Winter
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!

Dates for the Diary

NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL		JUNIOR SCHOOL
Cheetah Class Liturgy Access gate 4 - Parents welcome at 2.45pm	Mon 26th Nov	Faith in Action Meeting 3.30 - 5pm
	Tues 27th Nov	6 Chestnut Christmas Puddings 9.30am
Red Wednesday - wear one item of red clothing (perhaps a scarf, hat, gloves, a pair of socks, rights?) with their usual school uniform to support Aid to the Church In Need	Weds 28th Nov	Red Wednesday - wear one item of red clothing (perhaps a scarf, hat, gloves, a pair of socks, rights?) with their usual school uniform to support Aid to the Church In Need Year 6 copper Beech Class Assembly 9am
	Thurs 29th Nov	Year 3 Penitential Service (Parents welcome) at 6.30pm Year 5 Chaplaincy Sessions 6 Copper Beech Christmas Puddings 9am
Mufti Day - chocolate/wine/cakes donations	Fri 30th Nov	Mufti Day - Chocolate donations Swimming 5E Swimming 5S
Christmas Fayre 11-2pm	Sat 1st Dec	
Giraffe Class Liturgy Access gate 4 - Parents welcome at 2.45pm	Mon 3rd Dec	Adoration at St. Philomena's - Year 3 10.30 - 11.30 and Year 5 9.15 - 10.15
	Tues 4th Dec	6 Oak Christmas Puddings 9.30am
Year 2 Christmas Carols at Holy Cross Church 6pm	Wed 5th Dec	Yr. 4 visit St Philomena's drama presentations
	Thurs 6th Dec	Adoration at St. Philomena's Year 4 9.15 - 10.15 and Year 6 10.30 - 11.30 Yr. 3 visit St Philomena's drama presentations
Year 2 to St. Philomena's (drama) 9.30-10.50am	Fri 7th Dec	Year 4 Ash Class Assembly 9am Swimming 5E Swimming 5S
Open Day Nursery & Reception at 9.30am Reception Nativity at 1.30pm	Mon 10th Dec	
Pantomime theatre group visit to school - Peter Pan	Tues 11th Dec	
Reception Nativity at 9.30am	Wed 12th Dec	Yr. 3 Nativity 1.30 and 7pm
Year 2 - Medieval Day	Thurs 13th Dec	Junior Christmas Mass (Children only)
Nursery Nativity at 10.40am Nursery Nativity at 2.30pm	Fri 14th Dec	Year 6 Chestnut Class Assembly 9am
Reindeer Class Liturgy Access gate 4 - Parents welcome at 2.45pm Infant Christmas Shop Year 1 Carols around the Crib at 6pm	Mon 17th Dec	Whole school trip to pantomime - Jack & the Beanstalk
Infant Christmas shop	Tues 18th Dec	Music Night at 6pm
Christmas heads or toes Christmas Lunch Infant Creativity Day	Weds 19th Dec	Christmas Head or toes - Bring a bottle for Christmas Fayre Christmas Lunch
NURSERY FINISHES	Thur 20 Dec	Christmas Fayre-parents from 2pm

SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM	Fri 21 Dec	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM
INSET DAY 3	Mon 7 Jan	INSET DAY 3
SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM	Tue 8 Jan	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
SCHOOL FINISHES	Fri 15 Feb	SCHOOL FINISHES
	Thurs 17th Jan	Year 3 Classes - Daisy First Aid 9am
	Fri 18th Jan	Year 5 Elm Class Assembly 9am
	Mon 21 Jan	Faith in Action Meeting (hall/chapel) at 3.30 - 5pm
	Weds 23rd Jan	Learning Journal going home - 'My Universe' NSPCC Assembly for all Juniors Year 5 Workshop at 10.45am Year 6 workshop at 11.30am
	Thurs 24th Jan	Year 3 Willow Class Assembly 9am
Governor's Inclusion Committee Meeting in Infants at 7pm	Weds 6th Feb	Learning Journal due in Governor's Inclusion Committee Meeting in Infants at 7pm
	Fri 8th Feb	5 Sycamore Class Assembly 9am
	Weds 13th Feb	Year 5 Birch class Assembly 9am
	Fri 15th Feb	Sponsored Bounce
SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM	Mon 18th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM
SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM	Mon 25 Feb	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
	Mon 11th Mar	Faith in Action Meeting (Hall/chapel) 3.30 - 5pm
	Tues 26th Mar	FGB Meeting Juniors School at 7pm
SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM	Fri 5th April	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM
INSET DAY 4	Tues 23rd April	INSET DAY 4
SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM	Wed 24th April	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	Mon 6th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
	Weds 8th May	Learning Journal going home - 'a poet and I know it'
	Mon 13th May	Faith in Action Meeting (Hall/Chapel) at 3.30pm - 5pm
	Weds 22nd May	Learning Journal due in
	Fri 24th May	SCHOOL FINISHES
	Mon 3rd June	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
	Tues 11th June	Resources Meeting at 11am - Juniors Inclusion Meeting at 7pm - Juniors
	Fri 14th June	Year 5 Under Canvas
	Sat 15th June	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip
	Fri 21st June	Year 6 return from Isle of Wight Trip
	Mon 24th June	INSET DAY 5
	Tues 2nd July	FGB Meeting at 7pm - Juniors
	Tues 23rd July	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM

Term dates can be viewed on either website at

<http://www.stmarysinfchool.org.uk/files/TERM%20DATES%20%2018-19.pdf>

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