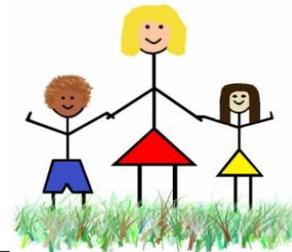




ST MARY'S CATHOLIC NURSERY, INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

JULY 2016



Sunday 24TH July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated safeguarding officer in the Nursery & Infants' School is Mrs M Quinn and in the Junior School is Mrs. G Owens, Deputy Safeguarding Officer for both schools is Mrs Hulme and the Governor Safeguarding Officer is Mr. A. Scully. The schools have safeguarding & protection policies which can be viewed at the school office.

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 Parent/ Carers

This is the final letter of the year to wish you all a very happy summer break.

Thank you for the continued support throughout the year it is always really appreciated and makes our community so unique. The end of term has been full of concerts and other wonderful events and now everyone is ready for a well-deserved rest.

A big thank you goes to anyone who has helped in any way in the schools either during the school day or at fundraising events, such important times for our children. Also a huge thank you to all staff who work tirelessly to fulfil the vision of the governors and principles of our mission statement enabling all of our children to maximise on learning opportunities.

We offer good luck wishes to pupils, families and staff who are moving on to new places, hoping they will enjoy much success, health and happiness.

Have fun and enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Shirley Hulme
Executive Headteacher

Safeguarding Further to our previous requests we remind all parents and carers that taking photographs in school is not permitted without prior permission. To ensure this is being observed and to avoid any misunderstanding we ask that **smart phones and other devices should not be used within the school grounds**. For data protection reasons we also request that lists of children's names from school must not be held on any personal devices. If you do have any such list we ask you to delete these with immediate effect. Thank you for your understanding.

Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural Development

Nursery & Infant School

We celebrated the feast of Saints Peter and Paul with a Mass at the Junior School. We welcomed Father Patrick from St Margaret's Church in Carshalton Beeches who celebrated his first school Mass with us since joining the parish.

Our Year 2 celebration Mass was held on the school field on a beautiful sunny morning. Thank you to Father Paul and Father Patrick for celebrating Mass for us. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us, the readers who read so beautifully and the children for their lovely singing.

We hope you have been able to see the Holy Doors that we now have in school. They are situated in the school garden and the other from the outside area into the main school (opposite Meerkat Class). Thank you to all the parents who helped with the decorations.

We would also like to say thank you to all the parents who have supported our liturgies throughout the year. Please continue to attend as many as you can next year.

Junior School

We hope you have very happy holidays together, wherever you are. Your child should have brought home their Wednesday Word booklet which has enough in it to keep them reflecting on the weekly Gospel until they return to school.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to the Feast Day Mass in September.

Lord, we give you thanks for the beginning of our summer holidays.

Help us to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence. Slow down our restless hearts and fill us with gentle compassion for all your people.

Amen.

Health & Safety

Please be reminded that, the roadways within the school grounds are still used by cars and can be a potential risk to your child. Please remember that dogs are not permitted in the school grounds at any time.

Uniform

Please be reminded that all school wear needs to conform to school uniform colours and this includes coats, summer hats and all other accessories. Hairstyles also need to conform to school policy. Thank you to those families who always comply with school uniform as requested.

Governors

Thank you to all parents who have returned the gift aid forms. This makes a big difference as we are able to claim £7.05 for every £25 donated. Please remember to send these in if you have not done so. All payments for Governors fund can be made on Parentpay at www.parentpay.com

School Office

Please be reminded that only prescribed medicines can be given in school by school staff (if prescribed four times a day). All other medicine will need to be administered by a parent or nominated person. For those with asthma, we have been advised that all children should have a small spacer in school and your child should know how to use the inhaler and spacer. This should be in a sealed clear plastic bag with your child's name on and you are responsible for taking this home half termly to clean.

Please remember that any absence from school must be reported to the school office on the morning by telephone (**not by email**) followed up in writing. Also, please advise the school office if someone other than your normal contacts is going to collect your child by phoning before 2pm. If later than this we can not guarantee getting the message to your child when calling late in the school day.

Active Kids Vouchers & Woodcote Vouchers Please remember to send in your vouchers as these are used to purchase equipment in each school.

Parentpay

Please be advised that there is a useful help page for any issues you may encounter with your Parentpay account. Please refer to the help pages on this link before calling the school office.

<https://www.parentpay.com/parents/using-parentpay/faqs#paypoint>

School Dinners

Please remember to keep up to date with payments on Parentpay ensuring you pay enough money on to your child's account in advance. If you receive an email reminder from the school please ensure you act promptly should a debt have incurred.

Internet Safety

Please find information as suggested by the Parent Forum at the recent meeting Useful websites include -

www.thinkuknow.co.uk - The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre has set up its own website which has been designed and written specifically for children, young people, teachers, parents and carers.

www.kidsmart.org.uk/ - Kidsmart is an award winning internet safety website for parents and those working with children. It has been developed by the children's internet charity Childnet International and has excellent information on many of the technologies used by children, with guidance on how to 'stay safe' online.

www.saferinternet.org.uk - Here you will find e-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe on the internet.

NURSERY & INFANTS' SCHOOL

News from Nursery

We have been very busy in our last few weeks in the Nursery. The children have been very excited to visit their new Reception classes together and they have enjoyed talking about their new class names at carpet time. We were very proud of the Nursery as they performed a medley of songs and stories for their end of year concert. We all survived the extreme heat and enjoyed a wonderful picnic to celebrate the end of the Nursery year together. The Nursery team would like to thank all of the parents and families for their support throughout the year and we look forward to seeing you all in September. We all hope that you all enjoy a fun and safe summer.

Reception

What an amazing year we have had, we will miss all of the children but wish them well as they move on to Year 1. We have made some fantastic memories including our trip to Buckingham Palace, the Cinderella ball and the bear hunt. More recently the children have enjoyed playing many different sports and joining in on sports day. Thank you to all of the families for your continued support throughout the year.

News from Year 1

It has been a FANTASTIC year. The children have been extremely busy enjoying their last term in Year 1. The children have created some amazing memories including our musical performance at the summer fete, visit to the British Wildlife Centre, our Superhero Day, World Book Day and our School Sports Day. We have been getting prepared for a new beginning going into Year 2 and the children are very excited. Thank you to all the parent helpers, families and SMIF for your continued support this year.

News from Year 2

We have had a very busy half term. We made many visits to the Junior school to see our new classroom, meet our buddies and our new teachers.

Our topic of Land Ahoy! finished with a pirate themed day, we had pirate maths; we wrote a message in a bottle and had pirate PE games. We also enjoyed a fun afternoon planned by SMIF thank you very much to all the volunteers who made it enjoyable despite the weather. We also enjoyed a school trip to the Horniman Museum. We are very excited about the next chapter in our school journey.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

News from Year 3

What a fantastic year it has been for our Year 3s in the Junior School! They have shown that they are ready to move up into year 4 and have set a brilliant example for the year 2 classes during our transition sessions.

This month we have completed our bookmarks in the style of William Morris, which we're sure you will agree are stunning. They used different skills to create their designs, transferred them onto their bookmarks and carefully painted them.

This term we have been investigating the lifecycle of butterflies, and have been fortunate enough to see this lifecycle in action! We watched tiny caterpillars grow and develop into butterflies. We released them together and watched them fly off to start the lifecycle over again.

We rounded off the year with a year group party, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. It's been a pleasure teaching such an enthusiastic year group, and we look forward to seeing you in the new school year!

News from Year 4

During our last few weeks of year 4 we have packed in a lot of fun filled activities. We made our pasta/couscous salads, which we designed ourselves, with the help of parent volunteers and after making, we enjoyed tasting our work with some family and friends who could join us. This was a particularly successful event and there was a lovely atmosphere where the children were proud of their hard work. Thank you for everyone who supported by helping, attending or making sure their children had everything they needed. Make sure you utilise their cooking skills now at home over the Summer break!

It was fantastic to celebrate the children's musical achievements with a music assembly, those who did not perform at Fairfield Halls had the opportunity to perform to the school - they definitely wowed everybody! Well done to all children who celebrated their commitment to being a valid member of the choir, orchestra or to their musical instrument - you did us proud!

Thank you for being such a wonderful year group who are now resourceful, resilient and mature! We wish you all the best in your new year 5 classes! Keep up the fantastic work!

News from Year 5



We are pleased to report that we survived staying overnight on the school grounds...just! After a glorious day of activities in wonderful sunny conditions! Throughout the day we made shelters, took part in team building games and even made fire. The children were dedicated and persevered when putting up and taking down their tents. After speaking with the children they all spoke of how much fun they had during the day. The children behaved really well and we hope that the experience has prepared them well for school journey in Year 6. Some children were selected to represent our school at Go Givers celebration event! They presented our cause of homelessness to a range of other schools in London.

Well done to all children in Year 5 who have worked incredibly hard this year, have a wonderful summer!

News from Year 6

July has been an incredibly busy month for pupils and staff alike. This has been a month when it has really struck home that all those in year six are moving on; no longer a St Mary's pupil! All the children visited their new schools this month and came back excited but perhaps a little nervous. Rehearsals began for the grand production of "Grease is the Word". The children were in fine voice; however the directors lost theirs through overuse! We had a grand total of 9 full days to rehearse and we think everyone will agree that the cast did an amazing job. Every single child played their part and it was such a success because they worked as a team with pride and a sense of fun. Fun was the theme of the leavers party, what better than a playlist created by the children plus pizza and plenty of fizz. The year will end with the leavers mass on the last day- always an emotional affair for parents and children alike. We have both been proud of our year 6 pupils this year and privileged to spend as much time with them as we have, they are now responsible and mature young people, ready to move on to pastures new; may they all fulfill their dreams. A huge thank you to the parents of year 6 for their support throughout the year.

St Mary's Awards

3 Mulberry - Cara Wilkins

3 Hawthorn - Catarina Pires

4 Poplar - Maximos Sophronas

5 Elm - Adam Shalders

3 Willow - Jacob Jagielo

4 Ash - Nikita Nanick

5 Birch - Zoe Gaedke

6 Chestnut - Archie Cook 6 Oak - Katie Hill

Year 6 Special St Mary's Awards

6 Chestnut - Isabelle Butcher

6 Oak - Charlotte Peters

Year 6 Sports Awards

6 Chestnut - Ben Ford

6 Oak - Natalia Mitchell

Congratulations to Oliver Butters and Connor Gleeson who have been chosen to play football for the Sutton Borough Team next year.