



NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY 21st October - 29TH 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

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Dear Parent/ Carers

First may we wish you all a very pleasant half term break with lots of "lie-ins" with time to relax and enjoy each other's company.

We have been very fortunate to have had good weather to lead us towards the shorter days with greater opportunity to be outdoors.

The senior leadership teams have been observing maths lessons these last three weeks and have witnessed fabulous learning activities across the schools. For information to new parents, we have adopted some of the strategies of "*Mastery Maths*" and this supports the thinking in using a large proportional of visual and practical resources in these lessons. It's so good to see the children engaged and eager to learn.

We look forward to seeing you all at the parent consultations in the week following half term- this is for parents only not the children on this occasion, thank you.

Please be reminded that we are hoping for all Home School Agreements to be returned to school this week and thank you to the diligent parents who have done so already.

We are sad to say farewell to Miss Brenan who is a teaching assistant at the nursery and infant school. She has been with us for the last few years and has made great contributions to the children's learning and development. We thank her for her service to the school and wish her much luck in the future.

Thank you to staff and pupils for the wonderful Harvest Festivals that we have celebrated this week - your contributions enabled this to happen.

With the month of November coming up we are supporting the British Legion by having poppies for sale in each school.

Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural Development

Thank you for your generosity in donating to the Harvest collection. We were delighted to welcome Father Luke to celebrate Mass for us on the Feast of St Luke at the Infant School. Well done to the children who sang so beautifully and read so clearly. A special mention to our soloist and our Altar Server who made us feel so proud. The Rotary Club of Carshalton Beeches collected all the food and dried goods that will be shipped off to Romania for families in need. Also thank you to the children and staff from Breakfast and After School Club, who provided the wonderful Harvest Festival displays for our Mass.



Chaplaincy

It's been a busy half term for Chaplaincy. We now have a new Chaplaincy Team made up of 24 Year 6 pupils. They have been very busy: making and displaying posters, leading an assembly for Little Way Week, helping to lead the Rosary, collecting food donations and ensuring all classes are well informed about our different activities. They will be receiving their Chaplaincy Team badges on 1st November, at our Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints which will be celebrated by Fr. Luke.

In this half terms class chaplaincy sessions, Years 2 and 1 have been thinking about our patron saint, Mary. We thought first about the Annunciation and Mary's openness to God's will and then how she always brings Jesus to others, just as she did when she visited her cousin Elizabeth. After some time in quiet prayer we looked at the meaning of the words of the Hail Mary and learnt some actions to help us remember them. The focus for Reception's chaplaincy sessions was Prayer, where and how and why we pray. After the session one Reception child said, "Now I know God is very special."



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 -

Would life be better if money didn't exist?

NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

News from Nursery

We are so proud of all of the Nursery children; they have had a fantastic start to their first term. The children have had lots of fun singing songs, listening to new stories and exploring their new setting. In RE we have learnt our school prayers through our topic 'Myself' have discussed how God knows and loves us. After half term we will be starting our new topic "Wonderful Winter", the children will be exploring seasons, weather and many exciting stories on the run up to Christmas. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support during the start of your child's Nursery year.

News from Reception

It has been an amazing half term and we are so proud of each and every child. They have settled into school life brilliantly and have already had so much fun learning many new things. During our topic 'How many colours in a rainbow?' the children investigated colour mixing, weather and rainbows. The children now know their colours using sign long actions. We have started learning our initial phonic sounds which we practice segmenting and blending daily using our phonic fingers. In maths we have investigated numbers to five by counting, using objects and drawing. The children have learnt how to use the school library, enjoyed music sessions, PE and even went to the Harvest Mass. Lunch has been a favourite part of the school day for the children and they have practiced independently asking for the food they would like and using cutlery correctly. The children certainly deserve some days to rest during the half term so that they come back to school refreshed and ready to start our new topic 'Can we explore it?' and the build up to Christmas! Thank you to every family for your support during your child's transition into Reception we understand what a big step it is and are so pleased that it has been such a successful start to the year.

News from Year 1

Our topic this term was all about 'The Enchanted Woodland'. The children have enjoyed reading various fairy tales including Goldilocks and the Three Bears which they have retold in their writing and role played. In science, the children have been researching and identifying different types of common plants and trees. Alongside this, they have also examined the different types of leaves and trees found in our school grounds. We have also enjoyed our learning in the outside area and settling into Year 1.



News from Year 2

We had a fun start to year 2! Messy day was a great success. The children loved making salt art pictures, foot painting and especially making a messy, gooey, slimy cake outside! Thank you to parents who brought in flour and items for us to use. Each child thought of their "one word" and created their word using different resources. It was a pleasure to read to their individual and special words. We have enjoyed reading the story "The Rascally Cake" where the children got the opportunity to create their own story. We finished the term with the children performing their own poem to their class based on a poem called "The Gingerbread Man". Year 2 have also enjoyed their weekly music lesson learning to play the Djemb drum and in DT where they have been focusing on healthy eating. They made some yummy fruit kebabs!

Well done to year 2 for your hard work. We look forward to starting our next topic "Towers, Tunnels and Turrets."





Congratulations to these pupils:

Star of the week - week ending 19th October - Reindeer Class - Louis Quinn, Giraffe Class - Cayden Kuforiji, Cheetah Class - Harvey Jacobs, Meerkat Class - Nadia Gossa, Horse Class - Alex Cannell Bus, Owl Class - Christina Miqueleiz. Well done!

JUNIOR SCHOOL

News from Year 3

This half term year 3 have been taking sides with the big bad wolf. It's not his fault you see, he had a cold and he just needed a cup of sugar for a birthday cake... ask the children more, they know the TRUTH! We have also been getting to grips with our google classrooms; we recommend the children practice logging in over half term to play some games from the links posted but also to start to memorise their log-in details.

Our RE topic to begin the term was 'Homes' and we had a beautiful service to celebrate the end and share our glorious learning. We are now in our topic about 'Promises' and will soon be starting the exciting topic of 'visitors' in our Advent period, when we will also be celebrating with a penitential service. We hope to see you there.

News from Year 4

Year 4 have set off to a great start on their learning journey, as we have reflected on different cultures in English and PSHE. The self-portraits and family trees that the children have created have been admired by the whole school in our corridor display. It was especially exciting to explore our senses using spices and fabrics from India when reading 'Grandpa Chatterji', to enhance our descriptive writing.

In science, children have been lighting up the classroom with their knowledge of circuits just in time to design and create their electric photo frames.

Our first DT day saw so many new skills and materials being used and the resulting glowing frames looked spectacular.

Children felt extremely proud of their first year group Mass and leading the school in a thanksgiving of the Harvest, celebrated by Father Paul. Thank you to all parents who attended and those who supported families in our local community with food donations, as well as purchasing bread.

News from Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy half term! In English, the children have been looking at Stories from other cultures. They have read *The Firework Makers Daughter*, looking at descriptive writing and diary entries. Through reading the story they have journeyed with Lila to Mount Merapi; becoming firework makers and reviewing the book. As part of Black History Month the children have been reading a focus text called 'Coming to England' based on a real life recount of Floella Benjamin's journey from Trinidad to England in the 1960s. In maths, the children have studied place value and focussed on methods of addition, subtraction as well as looking at statistics. Our focus in Geography has been key geographical features of the World including the Tropics, Equator, Arctic and Antarctic Circle.

News from Year 6

We would like to congratulate the New Year 6 students of St Mary's for a very successful start to their last academic year. Each member of year 6 has truly embraced the new responsibilities that their privilege ties represent. They are showing themselves as the new leaders of the school and show a growing sense of maturity and importance to their studies. Over this term, the children have engaged in discussions using our driving text of 'Amazon Diary' to immerse themselves in the life of the rainforest. We have been working on writing convincingly from another person's perspective.

We also enjoyed a trip back in time to the Victorian era at Preston Manor, where the children took on the role of Victorian children who were applying for the job of a servant in a Victorian household. Once we were appropriately dressed, we began our training with the stern and strict Mrs. Storey, the housekeeper. She showed us how to lay the table, prepare the meals and how to give a thorough cleaning to the whole house. Hopefully it's given the students some lessons on cleaning their bedrooms in the future...

In preparation for high school, the children were also lucky to have a session with a representative from TfL (Transport for London) who explained the importance of safety on public transport, which many children will begin using more often next year. As the children take a well-deserved break next week, we hope they will advise you in their new found knowledge of using trains, trams, buses and tubes safely and enjoy their break!

E-Safety -

<https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>



Need some more support in keeping your child safe online? Have a look at ParentZone which is designed to help parents facing challenges in this digital age.

Here are some great E-Safety links -

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

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

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

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

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

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/>

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PSHE

In PSHE this term the children have begun the curriculum looking at the theme of 'Healthy Relationships'. Each year group has explored the aspects of healthy relationships including boundaries, working together; resolving conflict; recognising and responding to others' feelings; understanding. The children have been able to put what they have learnt into practice for example on the playground.

As part of our focus on Black History Month during October, 4 Rowan Class treated the whole school to an insightful assembly. They shared their new learning on key black icons and figures throughout History, entertainment and politics including Ross Parks, Bishop Wilfred Wood and Barack Obama. All the children have been learning about key figures who have contributed to black history and reading stories from other cultures including Africa and the Caribbean.

Next term will include a range of events and themed weeks including 'Road Safety Week' and 'Anti Bullying Week'. The key theme of lessons next term will be Health and Wellbeing whereby children will look at the impact of making informed choices with their lifestyle

and the importance of a balanced diet and hygiene. Look out for events next term in each year group!

Harvest Appeal

On behalf of the Carshalton Beeches Rotary Club, thank you to all the families of St Mary's Nursery and Infant Schools for their generous donations to the Harvest Appeal.

Awards & Achievements

St Mary's Awards - Autumn 1

3 Mulberry - Jacob Salmen **3 Willow** - Laura Roszkowska **3 Hawthorn** - Tamuka Shamu

4 Ash - Oskar Nugent **4 Poplar** - Mark Pjetri **4 Rowan** - Abigail Ford

5 Birch - Mollie Quinn **5 Elm** - Madeline Fox **5 Sycamore** - Lucas Vieiro Insua

6 Chestnut - Isobelle Birch **6 Copper Beech** - Ella Serrano **6 Oak** - Lia Roy

Congratulations and well done to all!

NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL		JUNIOR SCHOOL
<p>Collecting donations for the Socks Appeal - 29th Oct - 30th Nov Year 1 Superhero Day - Dress up as a superhero Donation collection week in preparation for the Christmas Shop Giraffe Class Liturgy 2.50pm - access through Gate 4 SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM</p>	<p>Mon 29 Oct</p>	<p>Collecting donations for the Socks Appeal - 29th Oct - 30th Nov SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</p>
	<p>Tue 30 Oct</p>	<p>6 Oak's Class Assembly 9am Book Fair between 5 - 8pm Parents Evening 5-8pm</p>
<p>Colouring Club starts Parents Evening 5-8pm</p>	<p>Wed 31 Oct</p>	<p>Book Fair Between 3.15 - 3.45pm</p>
<p>All Saints Mass at Holy Cross at 10am SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM Parents Evening 2-5pm</p>	<p>Thur 1Nov</p>	<p>Book Fair between 2 - 5pm Mass for feast of All Saints SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM Parents Evening 2-5pm</p>
	<p>Fri 2nd Nov</p>	<p>Book Fair between 3.15 - 3.45pm Swimming 6O Swimming 5 B</p>
<p>Owl Class Liturgy at 2.45pm Parents Welcome - Access gate 4</p>	<p>Mon 5th Nov</p>	
<p>Hearing Tests for Year 1</p>	<p>Tues 6th Nov</p>	
<p>Open Day for new intake for Nursery and Reception 9.30am</p>	<p>Wed 7th Nov</p>	<p>Friends of St Mary's meeting 8pm</p>
	<p>Thurs 8th Nov</p>	<p>Year 4 River Trip to London Year 3 Hawthorn Class Assembly 9am</p>
<p>Infant Creativity Day</p>	<p>Fri 9th Nov</p>	<p>Year 3 Mulberry class Assembly 9am Swimming 6O Swimming 5 B</p>
<p>Meerkat Liturgy at 2.45pm - Parents welcome, access gate 4 SMIF - Special Meeting 8pm</p>	<p>Mon 12th Nov</p>	<p>Open Day for new intake for Year 3 - 1.45 pm</p>
<p>Hearing Tests for Year 1 - Afternoon</p>	<p>Tues 13th Nov</p>	
	<p>Fri 16th Nov</p>	<p>Swimming 5E Swimming 5S</p>
<p>Horse Class Liturgy at 2.45pm - Parents welcome, access gate 4 Nasal flu immunisation</p>	<p>Mon 19 Nov</p>	<p>Nasal Flu immunisation</p>
	<p>Tues 20th Nov</p>	<p>Learning Dome Yr. 3</p>

Full Governing Body meeting- 7pm Junior School	Wed 21 st Nov	Learning Dome Yr. 5 Year 4 Popular Class Assembly AM Full Governing Body meeting- 7pm Junior School
	Thurs 22 nd Nov	Learning Dome Yr. 6 FSMs Quiz Night - The Greyhound Hotel, Carshalton-7pm
Sutton Schools Work Assembly - children only	Fri 23 rd Nov	Swimming 5E Swimming 5S
Cheetah Class Liturgy at 2.45pm - Parents welcome, access gate 4	Mon 26 th Nov	
	Weds 28 th Nov	Year 6 copper Beech Class Assembly 9am
Mufti Day - chocolate/wine/cakes donations	Fri 30 th Nov	Mufti Day - Chocolate donations Swimming 5E Swimming 5S
Collecting Food donations for Food Bank at St. Philomena's High School Christmas Fayre 11-2pm	Sat 1 st Dec	Collecting Food donations for Food Bank at St. Philomena's High School
Giraffe Class Liturgy at 2.45pm - Parents welcome, access gate 4	Mon 3 rd Dec	
	Wed 5 th Dec	Yr. 4 visit St Philomena's drama presentations
	Thurs 6 th Dec	Yr. 3 visit St Philomena's drama presentations
Year 2 to St. Philomena's (drama) 9.30am - 10.50am	Fri 7 th Dec	Year 4 Ash Class Assembly 9am Swimming 5E Swimming 5S
Reception Nativity at 2pm	Mon 10 th Dec	
Pantomime theatre group visit to school	Tues 11 th Dec	
Reception Nativity at 9.30am	Wed 12 th Dec	Yr. 3 Nativity 1.30 and 7pm
Nursery Nativity at 10.40am Nursery Nativity at 2.30pm	Fri 14 th Dec	Year 6 Chestnut Class Assembly 9am
Reindeer Class Liturgy at 2.45pm - Parents welcome, access gate 4 Year 1 Carols around the Crib at 6pm	Mon 17 th Dec	Whole school trip to pantomime
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 17 th Jan	Year 3 Classes - Daisy First Aid 9am
	Fri 18 th Jan	Year 5 Elm Class Assembly 9am
	Thurs 24 th Jan	Year 3 Willow Class Assembly 9am
	Weds 13 th Feb	Year 5 Birch class Assembly 9am
SCHOOL STARTS 8.55AM	Mon 25 Feb	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM	Fri 5 th April	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM
INSET DAY 4	Tues 23 rd April	INSET DAY 4
SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM	Wed 24 th April	SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM
SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	Mon 6 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY