



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 5th March - Spring Term

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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,

What a strange couple of weeks we have had, waiting for news about the wider opening of schooland now it's here. The staff at school are very excited to have the rest of the children back with us and join their friends in each class too.

Of course, once we are back together we will have a settling in period as each of us makes adjustments especially for those who have to get up earlier. However, we do have the thought of spring on our side with brighter days and beautiful flowers to enjoy. We will be encouraging the children to share their thoughts and have plans in place to ensure all children quickly feel secure in school. Please do contact the school if you have any concerns.

Luckily we still have some weeks in school for the season of Lent to prepare together which we didn't have last year. This gives us the wonderful opportunity to celebrate Easter in school and remember the blessings of new life in the glory of Jesus.

Wishing you all well and hopefully continuous good health.

Spirituality

Sunday 7th March - 3rd Sunday of Lent



This week we've had two significant feast days for our school community: St. David, Patron Saint of Wales on 1st March and St. Casimir, Patron Saint of Poland and Lithuania on 4th March.

St. Casimir, the son of a king, was born into a life of luxury and power but managed to live a life of simplicity in faithfulness to the Gospel.

St. David was also reputed to be the son of a king. He was ordained a priest and founded a number of monasteries. Notwithstanding the many years which have passed since he died,

(c 589), his last words to his followers are most appropriate for today's world:

"Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things..."

St. David and St. Casimir – pray for us.



Pope Francis' March prayer intention is for 'The unity of Christians in China'. We would do well to heed his words for the Church in China, that we may all "persevere in faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity", remembering that we are all part of one global community.



A reminder that we are currently raising much needed funds for the Catholic Children's Society. In recent years' members of our school community have benefitted from their work. Please give generously.

[Click here to donate to CCS](#)



Table Talk Topic for this week - Can you ever 'really' know what it's like to be someone else?

News for the week

Guidance update:

Sutton is in: **National Lockdown**. For further guidance please click on this link

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

For information regarding testing for children and families at home, please click on the link below;

[Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff](#)

Have you moved or your details changed?

Please email the school office if you have recently moved or your details have changed. It is imperative especially during the current time that we have all your details up to date!

Don't forget to wear a mask at all times when on the school site (if you are exempt, please speak to the Senior Leadership Team)



PE Trainers

Before your child returns to school, please have a quick check of their PE trainers to ensure they still fit well. Thank you in advance.

We enjoy seeing the birds on the lake in the grounds of St. Philomena's but please supervise young children.

The drop off and collection times for the Spring Term: -

Year Groups	Entry time into school	Drop off and collection point	Time for collection
Nursery	8.55 am (morning session) 12.15 pm (afternoon session)	Gate 5	11.55am (AM) 3.15 pm (PM)
Reception	8.40 - 8.50am	Gate 4	3.15 pm
Year 1	8.35 - 8.45am	Gate 2 (Main front gate)	3.15 pm
Year 2	8.35 - 8.45am	Gate 6	3.15 pm
Year 3	8.30 am	Walled Courtyard- front of school	3.15 pm
Year 4	8.30 am	Lower Playground via ramp	3.15 pm
Year 5	8.30 am	Upper Playground using pathway below MUGA to external classroom doors	3.15 pm
Year 6	8.30 am	Upper Playground using upper pathway behind MUGA to external classroom doors	3.15 pm
NB . Collection time on a Wednesday for all year groups			2.05 pm



Stars of the Week - Week ending 5th March 2021

R Hedgehog Class - Annie M, R Fox Class - Milo S,

R Squirrel Class - Rose K & Klara L

1 Wren Class - Cora F, 1 Robin Class - Arian L, 1 Sparrow Class - Izabella K,
2 Woodpeckers Class - Ava K, 2 Heron Class - Clare Z, 2 Jay Class - Jeremiah E

Well done to all of the Stars of the week!