

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 7th January 2022 - Spring 1 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.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Miss M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Miss F Sullivan & Miss E Bryant, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond



Happy New Year!

Dear Parents & Carers,

The first newsletter this year comes with many best wishes to you all for a more promising 2022. School however, won't change as we work together to preserve the wonderful gifts in Gods world whilst looking after each other as brothers and sisters in a shared community.

We still need to be mindful of the continuing concerns of COVID and how it manages to infiltrate most families. The governors met with management to discuss ongoing risk assessment measures as we aim to keep the school fully functional. We will continue from last term with adults wearing face coverings, restricting adult attendance in school, but will plan to keep school activities as normal as possible.

As we want to continue to protect staff from infection (supply staff are currently really hard to employ) if parents have reasons to make contact please continue to do so through the school office, communication with families remains an important factor in school. Our aim is to go ahead with Parent Consultations in February, using the same routine as last term.

You will not be informed of staff changes, due to sickness on a daily basis, as this comes within our normal operational routine but we will always endeavour to replace with familiar adults to ensure continuity of learning. Thank you for your continual support.

Ventilation is still key so children may wear an extra layer of clothing under their school uniform if required. May this year go well with the help of Gods blessings on us all.

Where to find the appropriate communications?

Class Based Activities/Reminders - Google Class Room

Safeguarding Alerts - Email from School Office / Website under Latest News

Newsletters - Email from School Office / Website / Google Classroom

Communication/Trips/Events - Email from School Office and Website under Latest News

Communication: If your query is personal to your child - please request a meeting with the class teacher in the first instance, this will hopefully enable us to respond quickly to resolve any concerns.

Spirituality Sunday 9th January 2022 2nd Sunday after Christmas

For the first time in several years we were in school on the Feast of the Epiphany so it was a great joy for us to come together in groups to share a time of prayer and reflection with Mrs. Norbury. Although the decorations have been put away we are still in Christmastide and so we wish you a Happy Christmas. The season of Christmas concludes on Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord.

Table Talk Topic of the Week: If both hands fall off a clock, is it still a clock?

News for the week

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 07/01/2022

Infants Juniors
95.3% 94.5%

Our target is:
97.4%

Get well soon to those children off unwell.

Stars of the week

R Fox	Stars of the Week will resume again next week
R Squirrel	
R Hedgehog	
1 Wren	
1 Sparrow	
1 Robin	
2 Jay	
2 Heron	
2 Woodpecker	

House Points

House Points will resume again next week.

Correspondence for any staff member is to go via the school office and not to be send directly to any staff member. It is school policy not to respond from personal emails therefore your query may not be answered.

Sports News

Netball:

On Thursday afternoon, a selection of our Year 6 netball team took part in a match against St Cecilia's. This was the girls first match ever and they were up against tough opposition! The girls represented the school brilliantly. They showed great sportsmanship and a really positive attitude, despite the cold and wet weather! We are so proud of the girls and can't wait for them to take part in more games in the near future.



Football:

On Thursday afternoon, both of our boys football teams took to the pitches of Carshalton Athletic. Both teams played really well and gave their everything on the football match. Sadly, it wasn't the score we wanted, but the boys kept their heads up and kept going and to us, that is the most important thing. With lots more matches to come, there will be a victory soon enough. Great work boys!



Office News:

- Please report your child's absence as soon as possible in the morning and by 9.30am, at the latest, with a follow up email to the school office email addresses (not intouch). Absences should be reported daily.
- Visitors to the school office before 9.30am should only be for reporting absence. General forms / permissions slips should be returned via your child's bookbag/school or may be dropped in the collection boxes outside both front entrances. Early morning at the school offices is very busy with priority for ensuring all pupils are in school safely and accounting for absences. If you need to drop something to the school office, please call after 9.30am and before 2.30pm.
- All absence requests should be emailed with a copy of the letter/text to the school office email addresses at least a week before the appointment. For urgent appointments please email and ring the school office before the appointment day/time.
- Please do not email or reply to emails you receive via the 'Intouch' system. This is for outgoing emails only and may not be seen in a timely manner or responded to.
- Changes to your child's collection routine (late collection or changes to 'who' is collecting) should be before 2.15pm, unless there is an emergency situation. Calls after 2.15pm cannot be guaranteed to be relayed to the class teacher in time for the end of the school day.



We share our thoughts and prayers with those families whose Christmas time has not been so joyful due to personal anxieties that may have included illness and bereavement. May we ask for God each day for our blessings and remember others in our daily prayers.

Mary our Mother in Heaven pray for us.

Amen

Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/growing?pid=MTA101634&v=25.6>