

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 8th October - Autumn 1 Term

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Executive Headteacher, Mrs S Hulme. Chair of Governors, Mr B Tomkins

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are moving into times of cooler weather and dampness, this has brought in more infections- some of which are of the COVID 19 strain. Please continue to be vigilant, keeping children at home if they present symptoms and book a PCR Test. This is in consideration of each in the community. Thank you parents for wearing face coverings when entering school- this requirement will remain in place until further notice. We are hoping that this measure will enable us to continue to function as normal as possible. However, we were saddened by having to cancel a couple of events as this was due to a significant number of positive cases in school including key staff. Hopefully parent's consultations will still be good to go before half term, as the teachers are looking forward to meeting up with parents.

Let's hope the half term break from each other will help to balance the infections again as we move into the Autumn 2 period, enjoying the events that are currently being planned.

Spirituality Sunday 10th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October is both a month of Mission and the month of the Rosary. As a result, in the weeks leading up to the half-term break, pupils at both schools have the opportunity to pray the Rosary during lunchtime or break-time and it is wonderful that a large number of them have already joined Mrs. Norbury, and the Chaplaincy Team, in these prayer sessions. We continue to remember in our prayers our school community and people in every continent of the world.

Next week we will start collecting our Harvest food donations for the food bank at St. Philomena's High School for Girls. The most needed items are:

- Tins, e.g. baked beans, vegetables, soup
- Packets, e.g. pasta, rice, breakfast cereals, biscuits
- Tea, coffee and squash are also gratefully received.
- Toiletries, e.g. toothpaste & toothbrushes, shower gel, soap

Please ensure that food items have a long shelf life and that toiletries are new and unopened.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

For information about how to receive items from the food bank, please email Deacon Errol in confidence on foodbank@stphils.org.uk.



News for the week

Attendance

The attendance figure
for w/c: 08.10.21

Infants	Juniors
96.2%	95.4%

Our target is:
97.4%

Stars of the week

Week Ending 8th October 2021

R Fox Class	Reece M
R Hedgehog Class	Penny D
R Squirrel Class	Nina D
1 Robin Class	Joseph R
1 Sparrow Class	Hanna W
1 Wren Class	Adam A
2 Heron Class	Joseph C
2 Jay Class	Olaf S
2 Woodpecker Class	Jan P

House Points

Becket	Clitheroe
706	794
Fisher	More
719	691

St. Mary's Football A
Team vs St. Elpheges
Postponed

Father Luke's Gate, Pound Street

Despite weekly reminder's not to park at Father Luke's Gate on Pound Street, we have been advised that a Blue Volkswagen registration number ending in ZTW has continued to do so. Please be aware that no parking or dropping off is allowed outside on the pavement of Father Luke's house, this is putting the safety of all children and adults at risk and contravenes the road safety act.



If you are a 50/50 winner from previous school year- last and final chance to collect your winning cheque is by Friday 8th October. Any cheques not collected by then will be revoked and seen as a donation to the PTA.

Coats

All children must bring a coat to school EVERY day whatever the weather, lessons are regularly held outside and temperatures do fluctuate during the course of the school day

Digital Detox Day

You will have noticed on the dates for the diary or heard your child speaking about the Digital Detox Day, this is a way of trialling other 'non-digital' ways of teaching children. Look out for further news soon or ask your child what alternative ways of learning they have experience in place of the electronic screen.

Infant Children attending after school club

Infant school children attending an After School Club, please do not leave scooters/bikes at school on days your child attends a club. External club providers wish to maximise the time your child has at a club and this does not allow for time retrieving scooter/bikes. Of course your child can still scoot or cycle but you will need to take these with you when you drop your child or of course you can leave at school until the following day.

Updating both schools with new details

Please can parents with siblings in both the Infant and Junior schools update each individual school, when they have new details as the school systems do not link data.

Absence reporting

When reporting your child's absence please call daily on either 0208 647 5711 (Infants) or 0208647 4342 (Juniors) followed by an email to either office@stmarysinfschool.org.uk (infants) or office@stmarysjunior.org.uk (Juniors) containing the reasons for your child's absence, any advice from your GP/111 and proof of your LTF or PCR test

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>