

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 10th September - Autumn 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: Mrs S Hulme, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first full week, we not only celebrated the birthday of Our Lady, Patron of St. Mary's Catholic schools but also the wonderful smooth start to the school year, enjoying some late summer sunshine.

On Thursday we joined our prayers together in Mass at the Junior School for the first time since spring last year. We were all most delighted to welcome Bishop Paul into school again and also enjoyed the treat of a drumming entertainer in each school for years 1- 6. The drumming treat has been paid from a donation that was left to the school by Miss Wallace, (an ex-teacher) in her will when she passed away last year. We are most grateful for her kind intention. It was specified by her family that it was to be used for a treat for the children.

The children have all settled really well and life in school is back to pre COVID routines thankfully. We are aiming to get as many future dates in the school diary for your convenience with many of you now beginning to return to your places of work and life is getting 'booked up' again. We have made some amendments to the "Welcome to September" meeting and to the parent consultations with the view that it will be safe and efficient in these current circumstances.

Spirituality Sunday 12th September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

On Thursday we were delighted to welcome Bishop Paul Hendricks to the Junior School for our Feast Day, the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. October 2019 was the last time we had been able to come together for a school Mass, so this was a particularly special time for us all. Thank you to the Year 6 team who prepared the Mass, to the pupils who read and wrote the prayers of the faithful, and to the whole school for wonderful singing and participation. A blessed way to start the new academic year.

"I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me..." (Matt. 25:35-36)

The London Borough of Sutton is welcoming refugees from Afghanistan. Although the donation point no longer needs physical donations, they are looking for volunteers to help with sorting out and packing the donations, as well as drivers to help with delivery and collection. If you have some time to spare and would like to help, click on the link for more details.

<https://vcsutton.org.uk/inspiration/donations-appeal-for-afghanist/>

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Table Talk Topic for this week - Would you rather help set the table before dinner or help clean up after dinner?

News for the week

Safeguarding Alert - Junior School - Friday 10th September 2021

Entering School Grounds & Trim Trail Play Area

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be reminded as part of our health and safety measures no children or adults should be in the school grounds prior to 8.35am or 3.15pm.

Children are also not allowed to be on the area with the trim trail/gym equipment on the lower playground before the doors open in the morning or whilst waiting for pick up at the end of the school day. This is for the safety of all children as this area is not supervised during these times.

Thank you kindly for your co-operation as we continue to safeguard everyone in our school community.

Regards

Mrs S Hulme

Executive Headteacher

Father Luke's Gate

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.



After School Clubs are re-starting!

Exciting news! After School Clubs will be commencing next week so please watch out for the email coming out today. Signing up is quick and easy, just follow the links in the timetable/Google Classroom (Juniors). Please note all clubs will finish at 4.15pm promptly.

Walk to School Day

As part of our learning in Personal, Social, Health and Economic education, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to take part in the 'Car Free Day' taking place this year on Wednesday 22nd September 2021. The Healthy Streets Car Free Day aims to encourage less travel in cars and more walking and cycling. On this day, if you usually use a car to and from school, we would encourage you to think of an alternative way. Maybe you could walk to school, or you could ride a bike or take a bus, or you could even just park a little further away from school and walk extra distance on this day. Taking part in activities such as this contribute to our accreditation awards through the TfL STARS initiative. Many thanks in advance for your support.

NO Dogs

Please be reminded that dogs are not allowed within the school grounds.



Cycling / Scooters

We once again ask parents to supervise the younger children in the school grounds. Scooting and cycling is not permitted for children or adults in the school grounds due to safety reasons, particularly not on the road ways.

Keep our children safe.



Thomas More Catholic School - Open Mornings information

Thomas More Catholic School is holding Open Mornings each day from Monday 13 September - Friday 17 September inclusive. Sessions run from 9:15 until 10:30am; you will be taken on a tour to see the school 'in action' and then meet a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss any queries you may have. These events are by appointment only and places are strictly limited. To book a slot, please contact Mrs West-Symes at admissions@tmore.org.uk or on 020-8668 6251 ext 205.

Alternatively, you can attend our Open Evening which takes place on Tuesday 5 October from 18:00 until 21:00pm. You will be given a tour of the school during which you will meet students and teachers and you will also be able to hear the Head Teacher's address in the Main School Hall. There is no need to book for this event - just turn up on the night.

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>