

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 10th December - Autumn 2 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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Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Miss F Sullivan & Miss E Bryant, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you first of all, for your cooperation when coming into school for the plays and assemblies this week. Due to this support of the restrictions and measures; we have been able to share the joy of Christmas with our families. Unfortunately, we have had several cases of COVID in each school, the same as every other school in Sutton, but have been diligent in retaining safety elements of distancing and allowing fewer numbers in our audiences. We still have more to present next week too, fingers crossed for these to be enjoyed too.

Just a polite reminder If you are attending an indoor nativity, please remember to add an extra layer of clothing as the school is well ventilated as advised.

Thank you to those families who have sent in comments of appreciation, this means so much to staff as they continue to work with children in these current challenging times.

This next week brings more excitement, the PTA have arranged a Christmas Trail in the Carshalton neighbourhood but without a check point at the school. We wish you all much fun. Next week continues to busy in school too with infant Creativity Day and the school Christmas Fayre for the junior children to name but a couple of events. Let's hope our prayers are answered and infection is kept to a minimum as we approach the Third Sunday of Advent.

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 12th December 2021 3rd Sunday of Advent

Reverse Advent Calendar

Can you spare something for the food bank at St Philomena's?

If you have any donations can they be in school by Monday 13th December.

Please help us to feed families

in our own community this Christmas.

Table Talk Topic of the Week: If children ruled the world, what differences might we see?

News for the week

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 10.12.2021

Infants **Juniors**
95.4% **94.7%**

Our target is:

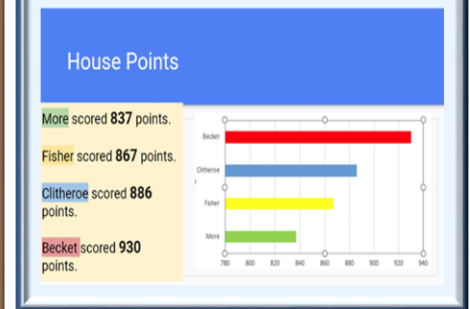
97.4%

Get well soon to those children off unwell.

Stars of the week

R Fox	Jonah N
R Squirrel	Siofra T
R Hedgehog	Talia R
1 Wren	Oliver B
1 Sparrow	Amelia F
1 Robin	Maria A
2 Jay	Ivy M
2 Heron	
2 Woodpecker	Maria C

House Points



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.

Junior School Christmas Fayre - Thursday 17th December (school time)

Decorated and filled sweet cup (junior school)

Children have been asked to fill a disposable cup or yoghurt pot (recycling is good 🍷).

These will be entered into a class competition and then sold at the Christmas Fayre on Thursday. This will be just one attraction to be enjoyed by the children on Thursday afternoon.

Children will need to bring their own pocket money into school in a named purse or money bag. They will be able to enjoy a range of attractions to include chocolate tombola, hand painting, games and much more.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Annabella (Yr 5) and Luca (Yr 1) who won awards in the Sutton Christmas Lights Competition.

We are really proud of their achievements and are very excited about seeing their design in lights in Sutton High Street.

This is wonderful for both their own family and that of St Mary's Catholic Federation family.

Well done and thank you for representing us in this positive "light".

Travelling Crib

As we are in the season of Advent, our Junior School tradition of Travelling Cribs has spread to children in the Infants!

All children will take it in turns to bring home a Travelling Crib in a gift bag from school. Sharing the crib at home, lighting the candle, praying together and returning the book and bag to school has become a lovely tradition during Advent. Teachers will have shown the children what they might do at home, and we hope you enjoy sharing them together. We love to see prayers written in the different home languages used by our families.

Please return the Travelling Crib the next day so that another family can enjoy it.

It may be possible that some of you unpack your Christmas decorations and realise that you still have one of our Cribs from last year. **DO NOT WORRY!** Please just return it to the school office - we would be very grateful.

PTA News

New Year Donation Day: Friday 7th January - A time to declutter and donate any unwanted Xmas decorations or gifts that we can use for next year's Christmas shop. We are also collecting items of food to create hampers for families in need in the community for the difficult month of January. Thank you for these contributions in advance.

Donations of Hardback books

A request for donations of any hardback, children's books, fiction or non, no longer required at home, for an exciting project at school - all will be revealed at a later date!

Just regular sized books please, not A4 as in encyclopaedias, annuals etc. Please deliver to the Junior school and thank you for your support.

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>