



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 15th January - 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.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs. S Hulme Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

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

New PTA Email address: pta@stmarysfed.uk



Dear Parents and Carers,

Coming to the end of our second week in school has brought a further realisation that life in our current world is still very stressful, strange and sometimes makes us have feelings of unfairness. This week has also brought more reminders about the sadness of the whole COVID situation; more people losing loved ones and many without notice or time to prepare.

It is a reminder that we need to live each day knowing that God loves us and that he wants us to follow his Gospel values of sharing Christianity to our brothers and sisters. Thank you to the parents who offer an appreciative word in passing or by email, making all the difference to our staff who are in school daily, providing a good education to our children whilst sometimes dealing with situations themselves, perhaps having families who are suffering.

On behalf of Mrs Hulme and the school governors, we ask you to keep the staff in your thoughts and prayers as we do for you too.

As indicated in earlier correspondence, we continue to review the learning platform and provision. We will be making amendments to the home learning information post next week. Yr 4 will be trialling a whole year group virtual catch up next Wednesday afternoon. This will take the form of children logging on from home to join in with a reflection and prayer. We are trialling this to see how families manage with the logging on from their variations of devices. It is timed to avoid any clashes with high school registration of a morning- bear with us please as it is a trial.

We will also be making amendments to the response system for Google Classroom. Previously we have said that a reply would be posted within 24 hours. Due to the high demand of parents needing contact we will endeavour to respond within 48 hours effective from today. We must emphasise the high expectations of teachers in the quality and quantity of planning and delivery of lessons in addition to making individual phone calls home and online responses to individuals is a huge demand within a school day. We ask that you please refer first to updated communication on the Learning Grids as we value your ongoing help and support.

Thank you. We still have a number of staff seriously unwell and those who have families unwell. We will continue to inform you if this impacts on certain year groups. More importantly, we must all join our prayers in asking our dear Lord to end the misery of this dreadful pandemic. Please continue to keep us informed of family circumstances that may affect our children emotionally and impact on their learning.

Home Learning is provided through Google Classroom. Should you have a problem connecting please contact your class teacher for support.

For your convenience, further information regarding expectations and how to use gaming devices to access the site can be located in Parents and Carers Classroom.

Spirituality

Sunday 17th January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace"

This year Pope Francis' World Peace Day Message focuses on the need for us to care for each other as the way to build a peaceful world. He asks us to *"combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation"*, reminding us that global peace starts within each of us and within our own individual communities. Peaceful hearts, lead to peaceful words and actions. In these days of the COVID-19 pandemic there is a greater need than ever that we care for each other, with kindness and respect.

This Sunday is Peace Sunday

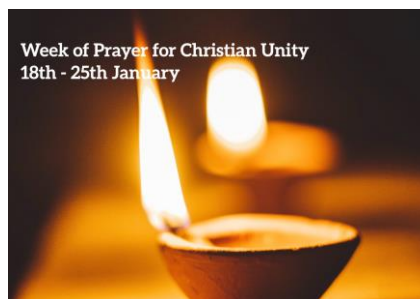


"... may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another."

(Pope Francis, 2021 World Peace Day message)

Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, is offering a Peace Sunday reflection via Zoom on **16th January, 6-7pm**. [Click here to register](#).

Next week is the octave of prayer for Christian Unity. This year the resources have been prepared by the ecumenical Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland which has fifty sisters, women from different generations, church traditions, countries and continents. This year's theme is based on John 15:1-17, 'Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit'. Resources, including daily reflections, are available for download here: <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>



Lord, you invite us to abide in you who are the vinedresser who cares for us with love.

You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine, the beauty of each person.

And yet, too often the difference in others makes us afraid.

We withdraw into ourselves.

Our trust in you and one another is lost.

*Come and direct our hearts toward you once again,
That as one family we may praise your name. Amen.*

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>

School babies

Warmest Congratulations to Miss Marlow who gave birth to Orla Nellie on 20th December. Both mother and baby are both well. What a lovely Christmas gift for them all. We have sent our best wishes on behalf of the school family.

Mrs Pye is due to start her maternity leave on 22nd January, we wish her good luck for a safe delivery and pleased for Millie to have a new brother or sister.

Coronavirus: How to keep children healthy, happy, learning and entertained at home

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here is your free e-copy of Family First magazine, packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown- We hope it helps in some way.

Please click on the link below:

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_7_digital211220



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Stay safe,

The Family First Team

HOW TO ACCESS GOGGLE CLASSROOM FROM AN XBOX AND PS4

PS4

XBOX

1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to Library
3. Select Library application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in Internet
5. Select the Internet Browser app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box Google Classroom and select the first link that comes up:

Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>

8. Select Go to Classroom. Then log in using student email and password.

1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select My Games and Apps
3. Scroll down to Apps
4. Go to Microsoft Edge application
5. Type in a search for Google Classroom
6. Select Go to Classroom
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.

