



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 26th June 2020

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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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Dear Parents and Carers,

How are you all? It is really disappointing for us here in school that we are unable to welcome all children back into school at this time, but we are thinking of you each day.

In school, we have enjoyed seeing the returning children as well as bumping into some families in the street. It is the wish of the whole school that we get children returning to school and back to the more regular learning pattern as soon as we can but have to be directed by the government guidance and available capacity.

We have explained in previous letters that creating groups of pupils able to return to school does depend on a number of factors:

- The number of staff available both teaching and non-teaching and the availability of teaching rooms and playtime zones.
- Due to the admission of years R and 6 in line with government guidance, we have these in smaller groups spread over a number of classrooms and teachers teaching out of their year group. This in itself reduces capacity for further available pupil places.
- We continue to monitor our waiting list and offer further places when available in line with the stated government designated groups.

Like yourselves, we now have the announcement regarding September but have had no further advice as to how the schools will manage the pupil numbers as yet. We watch this space together.

With only little more than three weeks to go before the end of this school year the school has invested in providing further extended learning, this will come in the form of a work pack being made up to send home to support learning over the summer holidays. You will be informed at a later date as to how these will be made available during the last week of term.

Teachers are also preparing end of year reports based on spring achievement and these will be sent out to individual families via Google following an announcement in the coming weeks.

Spirituality

Sunday 28th June - Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles

We are delighted that our churches are now able to be open for private prayer. In our local area churches are open as follows:

Holy Cross Carshalton

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday: 11am - 6pm

Fridays and Sundays: 1pm - 6pm

Holy Family, Sutton Green

TBC

Our Lady of the Rosary, Sutton

Saturdays and Sundays: 10:30 - 12:30.

St. Margaret of Scotland, Carshalton Beeches

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 5pm and 6pm

News for the week

'Sports Personality of the Week' were Jude N y6 last week and Anthony y6 this week.

Small Change Big Difference:

Even though the start date has passed please find below details of the Online Parents Workshops for those whose children have a diagnosis of Autism.

with Adapt to Learn

Starting June 22th (morning) and June 24th (evening) for 4 weeks

'Small Change, Big Difference', our popular series of workshops for parents of children with a diagnosis of autism is back for a second run, but this time it will be run on line!

Run by Adapt to Learn in conjunction with the NAS Sutton Branch, the series of workshops will empower parents, grandparents, carers or other family members in supporting them to help their children by developing an in-depth understanding of autism.

Over a four week period, they will take a positive approach to your child's diagnosis, while exploring, sharing and discussing practical strategies to help develop communication skills, pre-empt and manage behaviour and gain confidence and resilience.

During their online sessions, parents will be given the opportunity to make connections, gain support and feel less isolated.

The course comprises of four x 1.5 hour sessions and will cover a range of topics.

You must sign up to and be able to attend all four sessions.

The sessions will be held online via Google Meet. All you need is a device with a camera, such as laptop or smart phone. You don't need to have a Google accounts. You do need to find an hour and a half of undisturbed time - probably the hardest bit!

Session 1 Understanding Autism

Session 2 Exploring different strategies you can use

Session 3 Is it Sensory or is it Behaviour?

Session 4 Communicating Emotions and Building Resilience

We are running two lots of sessions consecutively, one in the morning and one in the evening. You will need to sign up to either one or the another and won't be able to mix times.

There is a maximum of 10 spaces available on each programme.

£20 per household to cover all 4 sessions.

To book, please follow the relevant link below.

Morning sessions will run from 10am - 11.30 am on 22/6, 29/6, 6/7 and 13/7.

Please book your place through this link

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nas-sutton/t-jpadvn>

Evening sessions will run from 6.30pm to 8pm on 24/6, 1/7, 8/7 and 15/7.

Please book your place through this link.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nas-sutton/t-lrjovj>

Tuesday 23rd June CAFOD Summer of Hope

On Tuesday 23rd June, children in school wore a colourful t-shirt to school with their uniform. The day in school and at home looked slightly different too as lessons were replaced with events that we will miss this summer.

School sports day and the Olympics won't take place this year, but that didn't stop Infant children having socially distanced races, or children at home taking up Coach Niall's Olympic challenge. Two jumper shuttle runs and bottle jumping might yet make it to the Olympics next year! Bunting was made to recreate the fete atmosphere, a Jar of Hope contains lots of encouragement, on pieces of paper, there were dance-a-thons, treasure hunts and sock puppet making as we recycled things that might otherwise get thrown away.

Thank you for helping us celebrate the summer, and for making it hopeful. Please don't forget to give what you can to help us to provide care and sanitation to the vulnerable across the world who need it the most by making a donation to **CAFOD Summer of Hope** at [Join our Summer of Hope | CAFOD](#). If each of our families were able to donate **£2**, **CAFOD Summer of Hope** would receive £682 to bring hope to some of the most disadvantaged families in the world.