



Friday 1st March 2024 - SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER

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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: Mrs M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs F Black & Mr S Pratsis & Mrs E Heath, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

A message from Mrs Hulme

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, huge congratulations to the great band of helpers who made the International Day so wonderful. Thank you to Mrs Donohoe who took on the challenge of being the lead co-ordinator. Thank you to the many families who provided the tasty dishes that represented cultures around the world. Thank you to the families who supported the event. This is a community favourite without a doubt. Although this raises much-needed funds for the school, it is important to share good times together and hopefully make new friends. My favourite part is seeing the many signs, patterns and features that signify the origins of families included on the stalls. It is important for our children to keep identities of their heritage. Maybe this will stay as an annual event.

During half term, we installed a new sensory area on the former car park. Some of your children may have had the opportunity to use it already. The idea of this is providing an area for children who struggle to maintain concentration for longer periods of time or just need a moment to readjust. Included here is a track to follow marked out and a small climbing wall. This is an important addition as we have increasing numbers of children who sometimes need time to re-focus in order to pick up their learning with greater success.

The rain seems to be staying with us but hope it won't spoil your plans for a relaxing weekend.

Please accepted our apologies - the date for book look was omitted from the newsletter last week. We will identify the next one and give you more notice. For those able to attend this week - we hope it was successful.

Story Telling in Different Languages - Infant School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our World Book Day celebrations this half term, we would like to invite mums, dads and Grandparents to come in and tell a story, rhyme, simple song or Poem with their child's class in your **home language**. You may bring a copy of the text or any props or cultural artefacts if you wish to help you tell the story, rhyme, simple song or Poem.

This can be any time during this half term at a time that suits you but preferably near the end of the school day. If you are interested and would like to take part please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable date and time.

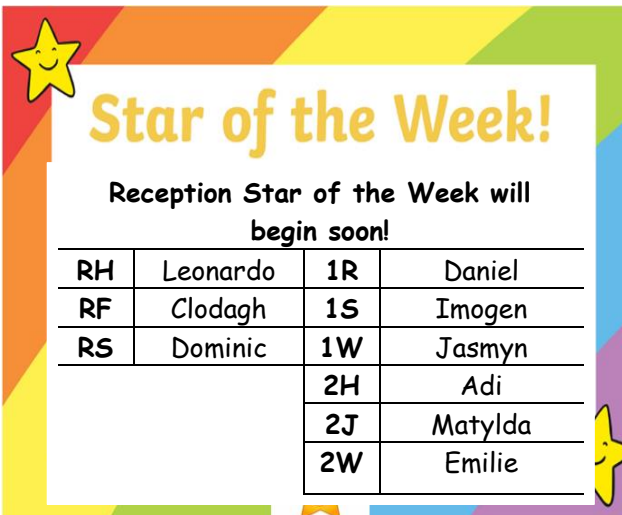
We look forward to hearing from you to help us celebrate the many different languages and cultures in our St Mary's family.

Many Thanks

Miss Penston

EAL Subject Leader

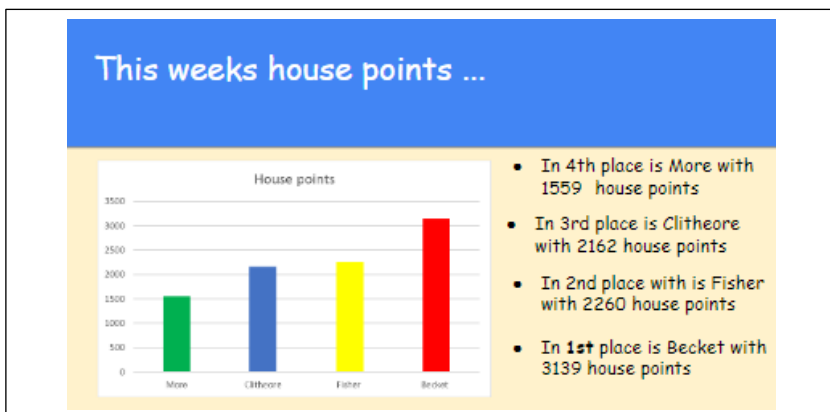
News for the week



Star of the Week!

Reception Star of the Week will begin soon!

RH	Leonardo	1R	Daniel
RF	Clodagh	1S	Imogen
RS	Dominic	1W	Jasmyn
		2H	Adi
		2J	Matylda
		2W	Emilie



PTA 50/50 Draw

Please collect from the Junior School office your prize winnings.

January 2024 - Freya H - 3W
February 2024 - Olivia O - RF



Star Writer


3H	Poppy	5B	Charlene
3M	Quinn	5E	Lauren
3W	Dexter	5S	Leon
4A	Salome	6C	Lara
4P	Jesimiel	6CB	Layla
4R	Farrah	6O	Edna



As a school, we aim for 97.4% attendance, which would bring us in line with expectations; unfortunately, many children had not achieved this percentage last term. We really need the help of our parents to raise our attendance this term by ensuring children are attending school each day.

	Yearly Total to Date %
Infant School	95.28%
Junior School	95.59%

Registration Group	Attendance %	Registration Group	Attendance %
Nursery	92.63%	Year 3	96.36%
Reception	95.36%	Year 4	96.31%
Year 1	95.48%	Year 5	94.32%
Year 2	95.63%	Year 6	95.36%




Workshops for Families on Transitions

Save the Date

Friday 8th March 2024

The focus will be on the support on offer for pupils with additional needs in both the Early Years and Years 5 and 6 with the transition to the next stage of their education.



Venue: Cognus, Cantium House, Railway Approach, Wallington, SM6 0DZ

Morning – Transition from Year 6 to year 7 – 10.00am-12.00pm
Afternoon – Transition into Year Reception - 13.30 – 15.30pm

Primary Secondary

The meetings will be led by Amalia Banon (Head of SEND) and Jane Morgan (Head of SEND Support)

The morning session will be joined by Katie Hall (secondary SENCo) and afternoon session by the Early Years SEND Team

Book a place by contacting cpadmin@cognus.org.uk



Boys Football

On Monday evening, a selection of boys from Year 6 took part in a football match against St Elphege's. The team played really well together and worked hard against a strong team. Unfortunately, the boys did not manage to get a win but we are very proud of their determination! Well done to all the boys who took part!



Girls Football

Our girls football team played a hard-fought match against Beddington Park Primary School last Friday. In the first half we edged ahead to lead 1-0 at half-time. There were no more goals in the second half and a close win for us was a fair result given how the game went. Well done to both teams who played with determination and excellent sportsmanship as well as displaying some great skills. Thank you also to the parents and carers who supported the girls with such enthusiasm.

Top of the Form

Our Year 6 Top of the Form competed in the second round against Tweedale on Tuesday. Top of the Form is a quiz competition and this year 30 schools from Sutton borough have taken part. Our team did us proud again showing excellent general knowledge to win 57-43 and have now reached the quarter-finals. Our thanks go to the parents and carers who took our team to and from the competition and have been practising with them at home.



Netball Team - Year 6

On Wednesday afternoon, the Year 6 netball team took part in matches against St Celia's. Both teams played brilliantly; with the A team winning 6-0 and the B team winning 1-0. The girls played fantastically and we are so proud of how they have developed in confidence and skill.



Netball Team – Year 5

On Monday afternoon, the Year 5 netball team played in their first netball event. The team played really well and worked brilliantly together. The girls showed great sportsmanship and determination and we are very proud of them. Well done to everyone who took part!

Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday->

Dates for the Diary

TBC means To Be Confirmed (dates may be subject to change)

	NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL	JUNIOR SCHOOL
Tues 5th Mar	Resources Governors Committee Meeting at 5.30pm - Juniors	Year 3 Cross Country at Beddington 5 Birch Whitehall Resources Governors Committee Meeting at 5.30pm - Juniors
Weds 6th Mar	Year 1 phonics boosters	
Thurs 7th Mar	Year 1 phonics boosters	Years 5/6 Quick sticks development - B Teams – Nonsuch High School
Mon 11th Mar		C Team Football St. Mary's vs St Elpheges
Tues 12th Mar		5 Elm Whitehall
Weds 13th Mar	Year 1 phonics boosters	
Thurs 14th Mar	Full Governing Body Committee Meeting at 7pm – Infants Year 1 phonics boosters	Full Governing Body Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants
Mon 18th Mar		Years 3 / 4 Multi Skills Festival 1-3pm at Purley Sports Club
Tues 19th Mar		5 Sycamore Whitehall
Weds 20th Mar	Easter/Lent Mass – Children only	
Mon 25th Mar – Fri 19th Apr	PTA Sponsored Read Event – More details to follow! No Clubs running this week	PTA Sponsored Read Event – More details to follow No Clubs running this week
Thurs 28th Mar	LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM	LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM
Mon 15th Apr	INSET DAY 4 SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY 4 SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 16th Apr	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM
Thurs 18th Apr		Year 4 Science Museum
Fri 19th Apr	PTA Donation Day	PTA Donation Day PTA Junior School Disco – (5:30 – 7pm)
Sat 20th Apr	Mini Marathon at St. James' Park	Mini Marathon at St. James' Park
Thurs 25th Apr	PTA AGM Meeting at the Infants at 7pm	Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm PTA AGM Meeting at the Infants at 7pm
Fri 26th Apr		Y3 After School Treat Sales
Thurs 2nd May	Height & Weights – Reception Children only	
Mon 6th May	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs 9th May		Year 4 History workshop
Fri 10th May	PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow!	PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow!
Mon 13th – Fri 17th May		KS2 SATS WEEK
Fri 17th May	YR After School treat Sales	

Mon 20th – Fri 24th May	KS1 SATS WEEK	
Tues 21st May	PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School	PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School
Wed 22nd May	Crowning of Mary Mass – Children Only Inclusion Governors Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants	Inclusion Governors Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants
Fri 24th May		Yrs 5 / 6 Athletics Event at Nonsuch Park 9-3pm
Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May	MAY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED	MAY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 3rd June – Fri 7th June		Year 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay
Mon 3rd June	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM
Fri 7th June	PTA Donation Day	PTA Donation Day
Mon 10th June		4 Rowan Ecology Centre 12.30pm – 3.15pm
Tues 11th June	Curriculum & Standards Governors Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants	Curriculum & Standards Governors Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants
Weds 12th June		Yrs 5 / 6 Quad Kids 12-3pm at Oaks Park Secondary School
Thurs 13th June		Year 5 Overnight Camp from 3pm to Fri 14 th June 3pm
Fri 14th June		Year 5 Overnight Camp finishes at 3pm Y4 After School Treat Sales
Mon 17th June	INSET DAY 5 SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY 5 SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 21st June		Primary Borough Athletics at David Weir Athletics Track
Mon 24th June		4 Ash Ecology Centre 12.30 – 3.15pm
Tues 25th June	Resources Governors Committee Meeting at 5.30pm - Infants	Resources Governors Committee Meeting at 5.30pm - Infants
Fri 5th July	PTA Bottle donation day – More details to follow!	PTA Bottle donation day – More details to follow!
Sat 6th July	PTA Summer Fayre – More details to follow!	PTA Summer Fayre – More details to follow!
Tues 9th July	Full Governing Body Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants	Full Governing Body Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants
Fri 19th July	Year 2 Fun Day	
Weds 24th July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM	LAST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM

General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR)

The 'UK General Data Protection Regulation' (UK GDPR) brought about changes about how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and strengthens your rights over your own data. Please refer to our privacy notices on the school's website for details of how sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe.