

Friday 3rd November 2023 - AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

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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 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,

What blustery weather we have had this week coming back after half term. It is amazing the difference it makes with children too, the wind seems to whip up their energy.

Please remember to send in coats with children each day even when we welcome more sunshine.

Each half term has its own seasonal characteristics and this next one is most exciting with lots to enjoy, look forward to and celebrate. Christmas activities are in the throes of being planned with other active learning experiences happening too.

We are delighted to be receiving our final version of the Ofsted Report for the Nursery and Infant School, copies of this will be sent out today also. Some of the outcomes were shared with the younger children today in assembly, we all felt very proud.

We have some parent /class workshops on the calendar over the next few weeks, please look out for the dates and we hope to see you with us for these sessions to work alongside your child.



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 % |
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| Infant School | 97.3% |
| Junior School | 97.3% |

| Registration Group | Attendance % | Punctuality (late) % |
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| Froglet N | 97.0 | 0.64 |
| R Fox | 97.5 | 0.18 |
| R Hedgehog | 97.8 | 0.31 |
| R Squirrel | 96.5 | 0.57 |
| 1 Robin | 96.4 | 0.74 |
| 1 Wren | 97.9 | 0.18 |
| 1 Sparrow | 96.4 | 0.25 |
| 2 Jay | 98.3 | 0.08 |
| 2 Woodpecker | 97.6 | 0.21 |
| 2 Heron | 97.5 | 0.36 |
| 3 Mulberry | 98.5 | 0.08 |
| 3 Willow | 98.5 | 0.08 |
| 3 Hawthorn | 97.9 | 0.47 |
| 4 Poplar | 97.2 | 0.38 |
| 4 Ash | 97.7 | 0.50 |
| 4 Rowan | 96.7 | 0.13 |
| 5 Elm | 95.9 | 0.77 |
| 5 Birch | 98.5 | 0.13 |
| 5 Sycamore | 97.1 | 0.08 |
| 6 Chestnut | 97.1 | 0.22 |
| 6 Oak | 95.8 | 0.18 |
| 6 Copper Beech | 96.3 | 0.09 |



The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. We are also coming to the end of our Liturgical Year with the new year starting on the First Sunday of Advent. November 1st All Saints Day is a solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation Father Henry celebrated Mass for us at the Infant School and Junior children celebrated Mass at the local parishes. Their reverence and enthusiastic singing was praised by parishioners. We thank the parents who were able to join us for the drizzly walk to Holy Cross (Y3 & 4) and Our Lady of the Rosary (Y5 & 6).

On Wednesday 22nd November, we will take part in **#redwednesday**. This is a day organised by Aid to the Church in Need, when we can choose to wear a red item to school and when we will pray for those who are persecuted because of their faith. <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/>

Table Talk: If a sound still a sound if no one is around to hear it?

News for the week

Star of the Week!
 Reception Star of the Week will begin soon!

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| 1 Robin | Sean |
| 1 Sparrow | Jayden |
| 1 Wren | Henryk |
| 2 Heron | Thomas |
| 2 Jay | Katrina |
| 2 Woodpecker | Harry |

This weeks house points ...

| House | Points |
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| Fisher | 1,430 |
| Becket | 1,361 |
| More | 1,556 |
| Clitheroe | 1,625 |

- In 4th place with 1,361 house points is **Becket**
- In 3rd place with 1,430 house points is **Fisher**
- In 2nd place with 1,556 house points is **More**
- And in 1st place with 1,625 house points is **Clitheroe**

| STAR AWARDS | | | |
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| 3 Hawthorn | Michael | 5 Birch | Brian |
| 3 Mulberry | Amelia | 5 Elm | Bernadeta |
| 3 Willow | Jeswin | 5 Sycamore | Hugo |
| 4 Ash | Imogen | 6 Chestnut | Isabelle |
| 4 Poplar | Zofia | 6 Copper Beech | Mandipa |
| 4 Rowan | Olivia | 6 Oak | Kate |



Tournament at Seaton House

A huge well done to our netball A team who took part in a tournament at Seaton House. The girls played a number of matches against some strong competition and came away having experienced a win, a draw and a loss. Well done to all the girls who played!



A and B team netball

A tournament wasn't enough for our netball A team, who then came back to school to take part in a match against Stanley Park. The girls worked really well together, passing the ball up and down the court confidently. There were some excellent feeds into the circle and our shooters worked hard to get the shots up. The team won the game 6-3.

Our B team had their first match against Stanley Park. This was the girl's first proper netball experience and they played really well. The defence had to work hard and the girls showed good communication on court. Unfortunately, the team didn't come away with the win, but a great experience. Well done to everyone who played!



Wednesday Word

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

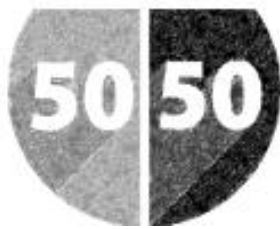


Dear Parents and Careers,
 Remembrance Day is a significant and important day for the children to understand and remember. To celebrate this special event we are going to have a one-minute silence on Friday 10th November 2023 across both the Infant and the Junior school
 From Friday 3rd November to Friday 10th November, your child will have the opportunity to purchase a poppy from school.

If your child would like to donate for one poppy, we ask that they bring in a small cash contribution of at least 20p. At the junior school, the Year 6 prefects will sell the poppies during lunchtime. At the infant school, the Year 2 School Councillors will sell the poppies at lunchtime. All money raised will be going to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Ongoing Reminders

- School Uniform
 Children are coming into school with items of clothing that are not school uniform. Please refer to our uniform list for clarification - <https://www.smcsc.org.uk/school-uniform-junior.php>
- No tight legging look trousers are allowed.
- No cycling or scooting is allowed within the grounds due to safety concerns.
- Mobile phones are not to be used on school grounds due to child protection.



PTA 50/50 Winners

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| September | L Poggi 3M |
| October | L Deere 3H |
| November | J McNamara-Stokes 1S |

THE PTA RAISED

£542.92

FROM YOUR DONATED FOREIGN COINS IN SEPTEMBER

THANK YOU!

Dates for the Diary

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

| | NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL | JUNIOR SCHOOL |
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| Tues 7th Nov | School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting | Year 6 Height & Weights School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting |
| Fri 10th Nov | | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm 6 CB return at 3.30pm Y5 After School Treat Sales |
| Tues 14th Nov | Year 1 Phonics Lessons – Parents welcome 9am – 9.20am – Book via the email link PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School |
| Weds 15th Nov | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting | 3 Willow Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome St. Mary's Netball St. Mary's A&B Teams vs Holy Trinity at St. Philomena's court School Governors Resources Committee Meeting |
| Thurs 16th Nov | Nursery & Reception Open Day at the Infant School at 9.15am prompt Year 1 Phonics Lessons – Parents welcome 9am – 9.20am – book via the email link | Nursery & Reception Open Day at the Infant School at 9.15am prompt Year 6 Maths Workshops – Sign up via email link |
| Fri 17th Nov | | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 6 CB return at 3.30pm |
| Tues 21st Nov | | Yrs 5 & 6 Athletics at Wallington High School |
| Weds 22nd Nov | Red Wednesday – Children can wear one item of red clothing | 5 Sycamore Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome Red Wednesday – Children can wear one item of red clothing |
| Thurs 23rd Nov | | Year 5 Maths Workshops – Sign up via email link Year 6 Maths Classroom Drop Ins |
| Fri 24th Nov | White Ribbon Day Event in Sutton High Street by COGNUS – More details to follow | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm 6 CB return at 3.30pm White Ribbon Day Event in Sutton High Street by COGNUS – More details to follow |
| Tues 28th Nov | | Yrs 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics 1.30-3.30pm at Wallington High School Year 3 Penitential Service 6.30 – 7.30pm - TBC |
| Weds 29th Nov | Year 3 Open Day at the Junior School Tour at 2pm, Talk from 2.30pm – 3pm | 6 Oak Class Assembly at 9am – Parents Welcome Year 3 Open Day at the Junior School Tour at 2pm, Talk from 2.30pm – 3pm |
| Thurs 30th Nov | Year 2 Maths Workshop – Sign up via email link | Year 3 to St. Philomena's to watch the GCSE Performance at 9.15am Year 4 Maths Workshops – Sign up via email link Year 5 Maths Classroom Drop Ins Yrs 5 & 6 RFL A, B Festival 10-12.30pm at John Fisher Playing Field |
| Fri 1st Dec | | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm 6 CB return at 3.30pm |
| Tues 5th Dec | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting |

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| Weds 6th Dec | Year 2 Christmas Preparation Service in Church - TBC | 4 Ash Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome |
| Thurs 7th Dec | Nursery Nativity at 10am – TBC Year 1 Maths Workshop – Sign up via email link Year 2 Maths Classrooms Drop Ins | Year 3 Maths Workshops – Sign up via email link Year 4 Maths Classrooms Drop Ins |
| Fri 8th Dec | PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow! | PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow! |
| Sat 9th Dec | PTA Christmas Fayre – More details to follow! | PTA Christmas Fayre – More details to follow! |
| Mon 11th Dec | No Clubs running from this week Year 1 Maths Classrooms Drop Ins Year 1 Carols around the crib at 3.30pm - TBC | No Clubs running from this week Year 3 Maths Classrooms Drop Ins |
| Tues 12th Dec | Reception Nativity at 10am - TBC | |
| Weds 13th Dec | Christmas Lunch – Christmas Jumper/Accessory Day | 5 Birch Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome Christmas Lunch – Christmas jumper/accessory day |
| Thurs 14th Dec | Reception Nativity at 10am - TBC | Year 3 Christmas Nativity at 1.30pm – TBC Year 3 Christmas Nativity at 7pm - TBC |
| Fri 15th Dec | Reception Nativity at 10am - TBC | St. Mary's Got Talent - TBC |
| Mon 18th Dec | PTA Christmas Shop | Music Night - TBC |
| Tues 19th Dec | PTA Christmas Shop | Whole School visit to the Pantomime at Epsom Playhouse |
| Weds 20th Dec | | 6 Copper Beech Class Assembly at 9am – Parents Welcome Junior School Fayre – More details to follow |
| Thurs 21st Dec | LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM | LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM |
| Mon 8th Jan | INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED | INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Tues 9th Jan | FIRST DAY OF SPRING 1 TERM | FIRST DAY OF SPRING 1 TERM |
| Mon 29th Jan – Fri 2nd Feb | SEND Parent Academic Review Week | SEND Parent Academic Review Week |
| Tues 30th Jan | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School |
| Fri 2nd Feb | PTA Coffee Morning at 9am in the Infant School | PTA Coffee Morning at 9am in the Infant School |
| Mon 5th Feb – Fri 9th Feb | Parent Academic Review Week | Parent Academic Review Week |
| Weds 7th Feb | School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting | School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting |
| Fri 9th Feb | Y1 After School Treat Sales | |
| Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb | FEBRUARY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED | FEBRUARY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Mon 19th Feb | FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM | FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM |
| Sat 24th Feb | PTA International Fayre – More details to follow! | PTA International Fayre – More details to follow! |
| Fri 1st Mar | PTA Wine/Gin Tasting (Adult Event) – More details to follow! | PTA Wine/Gin Tasting (Adult Event) – More details to follow! |
| Tues 5th Mar | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting |
| Mon 25th Mar – Fri 19th Apr | PTA Sponsored Read Event – More details to follow! | PTA Sponsored Read Event – More details to follow! |
| Weds 27th Mar | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting |

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| 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 |
| Fri 19th Apr | | PTA Junior School Disco – More details to follow! |
| Fri 26th Apr | | Y3 After School Treat Sales |
| Thurs 25th Apr | PTA AGM Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School | PTA AGM Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School |
| Mon 6th May | EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED | EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Fri 10th May | PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow! | PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow! |
| Fri 17th May | YR After School treat Sales | |
| Tues 21st May | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School |
| Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May | MAY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED | MAY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Mon 3rd June | FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM | FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM |
| Weds 5th June | School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting | School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting |
| Mon 17th June | INSET DAY 5 – TBC SCHOOL CLOSED | INSET DAY 5 – TBC SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Fri 14th June | | Y4 After School Treat Sales |
| Tues 25th June | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting |
| Fri 5th July | PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow! | PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow! |
| Sat 6th July | PTA Summer Fayre – More details to follow! | PTA Summer Fayre – More details to follow! |
| Thurs 11th July | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting |
| 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.