

Friday 15th March 2024 - SPRING 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.

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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,

As we are coming to the close of Lent and the end of the spring term, it is important that we talk to the children as to why we prepare for the most important event of Easter in a similar way at home and in school. The children become very knowledgeable and at times, wiser or more sensitive than adults. Please take some time to share thoughts together as a family.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school over the next couple of weeks for year group Lenten services and we also have dates in the diary for future book looks.

15th March is National Shoe in the World Day, a day that sheds light on the importance of footwear and the need for millions of people worldwide who can't afford or don't have access to this.

It can also be a reminder to clear some shoes from the bottom of the wardrobe for charity, to help someone else or following your own mindfulness to remove some clutter from your room and therefore your mind - a good job for the weekend.

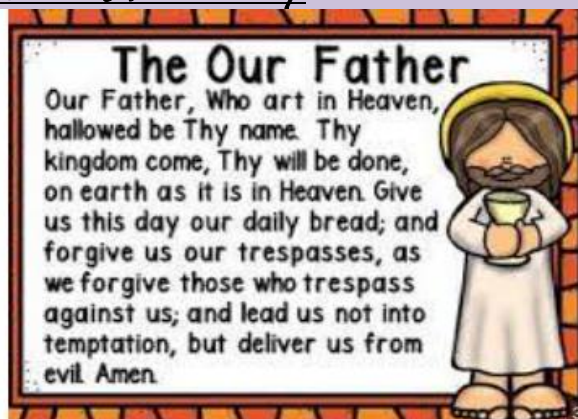
Remember that we have Bertie Bin at the infant school to take recycled clothes and shoes. Good luck!



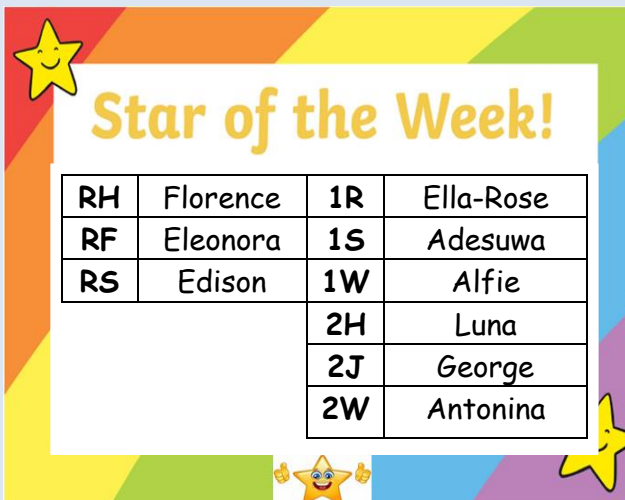
Catholic News Round Up

As we get closer to Easter, our Lenten sacrifices can be harder to keep. This is not the case for the Chaplaincy Team. Members of the Year 6 Chaplaincy Team continue to give up some of their lunchtimes to support others with an opportunity to pray. Children from Year 3 and 4 come to the chapel on Tuesdays and Years 5 and 6 come on Wednesdays.

Our focus each week has been the Lord's Prayer. This week we thought about the line 'Give us this day our daily bread.' We know that God is giving, that we can be hopeful that God answers our prayers and gives us our needs, and that to sow we are grateful to God, we say 'thank you'.



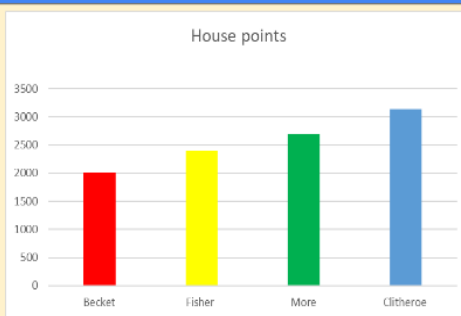
News for the week



Star of the Week!

RH	Florence	1R	Ella-Rose
RF	Eleonora	1S	Adesuwa
RS	Edison	1W	Alfie
		2H	Luna
		2J	George
		2W	Antonina

This weeks house points ...



House	Points
Becket	2100
Fisher	2409
More	2504
Clitheroe	3019

- In 4th place is Becket with 2,100 house points
- In 3rd place is Fisher with 2409 house points
- In 2nd place with is More with 2504 house points
- In 1st place is Clitheroe with 3019 house points

PTA 50/50 Draw

Please collect from the Junior School office your prize winnings.


March 2024 - The Birch Family

Congratulations!



Star Writer

3H	Isaac	5B	Lena G
3M	Anna C	5E	Ben W
3W	Freya	5S	Scarlett Q
4A	Alesha	6C	Blossom
4P	Pranav	6CB	Maya
4R	Aryana	6O	Ella



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	%	Registration Group	Attendance %	Registration Group	Attendance %
Infant School	95.2%	Nursery	92.6%	Year 3	96.3%
Junior School	95.6%	Reception	95.1%	Year 4	96.4%
		Year 1	95.4%	Year 5	94.4%
		Year 2	95.6%	Year 6	95.1%

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A reminder that any form of toy is not permitted to be brought into school.

Thank you for your support from home.



Netball

On Wednesday, we had an afternoon of celebrating competitive sport. Westbourne brought their A and B team over to play against us. Our A team secured a 7-3 victory and our B team secured a 5-3 victory. While these games were taking place, we also had a Year 6 team playing against our Year 5 team. This was a great opportunity for all pupils to experience game play and develop their netball skills. Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to all the parents and family members for your support!



See our Litter Picking Warrior - J of 3 willow (what amazing St. Mary's spirit' - <https://www.smcsc.org.uk/achievements-outside-of-school.php>

Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/follow?pid=MTA101634&v=123.5>

Dates for the Diary

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

	NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL	JUNIOR SCHOOL
Mon 18th Mar		Years 3 / 4 Multi Skills Festival 1-3pm at Purley Sports Club
Tues 19th Mar	End of Key Stage 1 Assessment Meeting at 2.45 – 3.05pm – Entry via gate 3	Golf Finals competition
Weds 20th Mar	Easter/Lent Mass – Children only	Year 5 Mass at Holy Cross Year 5/6 Girls Football vs Woodfield Primary School
Thursday 21st Mar	Reception Phonics Workshop	Tag rugby Festival at Shawley Primary School
Fri 22nd Mar		Chelsea Women Training Year 4 girls – 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
Mon 25th Mar		Boys Football C Team vs Bandon Hill Primary School – 3.30 at St. Philomena's Field
Tues 26th Mar	Year 1 Lent Service at 9am – year 1 parents welcome – 1 adult per pupil to attend only due to space restriction in the hall. Entry via Gate	Steve Welding Internet Safety Talk Years 5/6 – Children only
Weds 27th Mar	Dental Survey – Reception children Easter Lunch Year 2 Lent Reflection Service at 2.40pm – year 2 parents welcome – 1 adult per pupil to attend only due to space restriction in the hall. Entry via Gate	Easter Lunch Easter Reflection Year 5 parents only Girls Netball A & B Team vs Manor Park Primary School at St. Philomena's Courts Girls Football vs St. Cecilia's at St. Philomena's Field
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 National Offer Day for Reception Children	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM National Offer Day for Year 3 Children
Thurs 18th Apr		Year 4 Science Museum Book Look – English & Writing Books – More information to follow
Fri 19th Apr	PTA Donation Day Book Look – English & Writing Books – More information to follow	PTA Donation Day Worry Ninja Workshop for year 6 – children only Chelsea Women Training Year 3 girls – children only Year 4 Swimming 1pm – 2.30pm PTA Junior School Disco – (5:30 – 7pm)

Sat 20th Apr	Mini Marathon at St. James' Park	Mini Marathon at St. James' Park
Mon 22nd April		Year 5 Birch Whitehall Trip 10am – 12pm Top of the Form St. Mary's vs All Saints at St. Mary's
Thurs 25th Apr	PTA AGM Meeting at the Infants at 7pm	Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm 8.15am – 4pm PTA AGM Meeting at the Infants at 7pm
Fri 26th Apr		Worry Ninja Workshop for year 6 – children only Year 4 Swimming 1pm – 2.30pm Y3 After School Treat Sales
Tues 30th Apr		Year 5 Elm Whitehall Trip 10am – 12pm
Thurs 2nd May	Height & Weights – Reception Children only	Book Look – Maths Books – More information to follow
Fri 3rd May	Book Look – Maths Books – More information to follow	Worry Ninja Workshop for year 6 – children only Year 4 Swimming 1pm – 2.30pm
Mon 6th May	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Weds 8th May		Year 5 Sycamore Whitehall Trip 10am – 12pm
Thurs 9th May		Year 4 History workshop
Fri 10th May	PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow!	EWP Parent Workshop 9am – 10.30am Year 4 Swimming 1pm – 2.30pm 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	Year 4 Swimming 1pm – 2.30pm
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		Year 4 Swimming 1pm – 2.30pm 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

Thurs 6th June		Book Look – Science Books – More information to follow
Fri 7th June	PTA Donation Day Book Look – Science Books – More information to follow	PTA Donation Day Year 4 Swimming 1pm – 2.30pm
Mon 10th June		4 Poplar 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 4 Swimming 1pm – 2.30pm 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
Thurs 20th June		4 Rowan Ecology Centre 12.30 – 3.15pm
Fri 21st June		Year 4 Swimming 1pm – 2.30pm 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
Thurs 4th July		Book Look – Humanities Books – More information to follow
Fri 5th July	PTA Bottle donation day – More details to follow! Book Look – Humanities Books – More information to follow	PTA Bottle donation day – More details to follow! Year 4 Swimming 1pm – 2.30pm
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 12th July		Year 4 Swimming 1pm – 2.30pm – LAST SESSION
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.