

Friday 17th March 2023 - 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.

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,

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Thank you to our families who support the work of the class teachers, attending curriculum meetings as well as individual pupil meetings. As we come past the halfway line within the school year, scrutiny of progress is so important, to examine the progress so far and what action can be put in place to see further acceleration.

We are also assessing attendance with particular reference to those pupils who fall below school and national expectations with particular concern for those who fall below 90%, which counts as persistent absenteeism.

These cases are of a particular concern. If this is the case, we ask that you contact the school for us to work together to improve the attendance.

As we move towards Easter, we celebrate the many special activities that have happened this term, whilst we also prepare spiritually for the passion of Our Lord and the events in Holy Week.

Best wishes to you all as we have the celebration mid Lent for Mother's Day, a time to remember Mary Our Mother and those who are mother figures within the family. We also want to join our prayers together to remember the mothers who may no longer be with us. May they Rest in Peace.

Enjoy the weekend everyone.



Football

On Monday afternoon, the boy's football B team played against Woodfield. The boys played brilliantly, with Timmy saving some excellent goals. The game ended 0-0, followed by some penalty shootouts, which St Mary's won. Woodfield were in contact after to praise the team for their sportsmanship and attitude. Well done to all the boys for being such a credit to our school.



Netball

On Thursday afternoon, the A and B team played netball against Holy Trinity. The two games were against two very strong sides, with brilliant shooters. The team won the B team and lost the A team. Well done to everyone who took part. A huge thank you to all the families who supported from the sidelines.



Tag rugby

On a very wet and grey morning, a team of 10 children from Year 4 took part in a tag rugby festival. We had a mix of experience and inexperienced players, but with the positive attitude and amazing teamwork, you'd never know the team had never played together before. The team won 3 of their games and lost 1 and we couldn't be prouder of the way the team played together. The attitude of our pupils at this event really highlights the power of sport. Well done to everyone involved and to all the families who support the children.




News for the week

Infant - Stars of the Week

R Hedgehog	Isabella
R Fox	Tamiranashe
R Squirrel	Brooke
1 Robin	Zachary
1 Sparrow	Daniel
1 Wren	Jack
2 Heron	Joshua
2 Jay	Michael
2 Woodpecker	Albert

Junior - House Points

4 th place is Becket	
3 rd place is More	
2 nd place is Clitheroe	
1 st place is Fisher	

Juniors - Star Writer

3 Willow	Aoife
3 Mulberry	Alec
3 Hawthorn	Joseph
4 Poplar	Jasen
4 Ash	Emilia
4 Rowan	Hugo
5 Elm	Louis
5 Sycamore	Jennah
5 Birch	Neil
6 Copper Beech	Robert
6 Oak	Amelia
6 Chestnut	Juno

Spirituality News

Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Lent and the Church celebrates Laetare Sunday. Laetare means 'to rejoice' or 'to be joyful'. It is also Mothering Sunday, traditionally when people would return home to visit their "mother" church. It is also called Mother's Day so we celebrate mothers everywhere, and pray for all who have nurtured us. Thank you, Lord, for all who care, Bless them with your love. Thanks for mothers everywhere, Bless them with your love.

Table Talks - Is it possible to ever stop thinking?



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.

Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
Froglet AM Nursery	95.4	0.28
Froglet PM Nursery	80.7	0.28
R Fox	93.8	0.50
R Hedgehog	93.1	0.21
R Squirrel	96.4	1.03
1 Robin	93.6	0.66
1 Sparrow	94.1	0.27
1 Wren	93.3	0.45
2 Jay	96.2	0.35
2 Woodpecker	95.8	0.62
2 Heron	93.4	0.18
3 Mulberry	96.6	0.21
3 Willow	96.1	0.08
3 Hawthorn	96.9	0.18
4 Poplar	96.8	0.59
4 Ash	94.5	0.34
4 Rowan	95.7	1.72
5 Elm	97.0	0.29
5 Birch	95.4	0.41
5 Sycamore	96.2	0.08
6 Chestnut	96.1	0.42
6 Oak	96.1	1.04
6 Copper Beech	96.3	0.10

Please be reminded there will be no clubs in the last week of term

Safeguarding News



Word of the month: "End-to-end-encryption"

End-to-end encryption is a security function found on certain chat apps such as WhatsApp, Snapchat and Telegram. It allows people to send messages privately so that only the sender and receiver can see what is said. The app is not able to view the content and it cannot be accessed by organisations. This means that messages are more private but also cannot be checked for illegal activity.



Conversation starters

- Why might someone want to hide what they are saying online?
- Do you think people should be able to hide their online activity?
- What kind of information do you post online?



Use these questions to talk to your child about...

- Social media
- Privacy online
- Harmful content

Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/god-s-love?pid=MTA101634&v=86.9>



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