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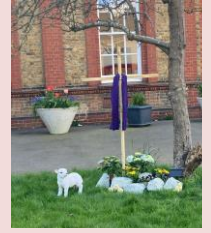
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Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs F Black & Mr S Pratsis & Mrs E Heath, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

A message from Mrs Hulme



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's good to be officially in spring with Wednesday 20th March marking the first day. Do take a moment each day to enjoy this time of the year in a very busy world - even if the showers continue to appear.

We have Easter gardens in each school to signify the love of Christ as he dies and rises from the dead, bringing new life. Year 5 are preparing for their Easter reflection, which makes our hearts humble, having our youngsters leading the way remembering the events of Holy Week.

Thank you parents and children of Froglet Class for planting the spring flowers along the railings on West Street frontage and the children of reception classes brightening the wheelbarrows too. We have many people of the community who take pleasure from seeing the school so well looked after.

Thank you to the parents of years 2 and Early Years for attending curriculum meetings. Your support really makes a difference to progress and achievement.

We are delighted to have formed a new St Mary's Faith Group at the infant school – made up of a child from each of the Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 classes. This is an exciting new venture and the children are so proud. They would be very happy for you to congratulate them if your spot their sticker from the first meeting with a picture of Patariki the Penguin, who represents participation (Catholic Social Teaching).

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend in preparation for Holy week.

Catholic News Round Up

Christians and Muslims: it is God who is binding us together, and the meeting between us is God's gift.

Last week, Ramadan began for our Muslim brothers and sisters. In a whole school assembly, the children found out about what this means. Ramadan is the fourth of the 'five pillars' of Islam, the five requirements of being a Muslim. Ramadan is marked by a fast, which lasts for a month. It is the time when Muslims believe their holy book, the Quran, was revealed to them by the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). Feeling hungry and thirsty helps Muslims to understand what it is like for people in the world who do not have enough to eat or drink all the time. They set aside money to give to the poor.



Lenten Mass at the Infant School

This week we welcomed Fr Anthony from St Margaret's of Scotland parish in Carshalton Beeches. As we move closer to Holy Week this mass was a time for reflection during the season of Lent. We thank the pupils for their enthusiastic singing and the children from Year 2 who were involved in playing percussion instruments. Pupils were also participating in serving, reading and the offertory procession, as well as Fr Anthony involving them in his homily. We thank Fr Anthony for taking the time to come into school during the Lenten season and hope to welcome him again in the near future.



Year 5 walked to Holy Cross for Mass this week. Our previous RE topic was about the memorial sacrifice of Jesus and so the Eucharist felt particularly special this time. Mr Patrick played the piano and the children sang and joined in with the Mass responses really well. We thank the families who were able to walk with us and those who joined us there.

We noticed when we arrived at the Church that the statues and images were veiled in purple. As soon as we see this, we know we are now in Passiontide, with Palm Sunday this weekend, and Holy Week the week next week. In his Passion, Jesus' face and whole body were so disfigured and unrecognisable. For this reason, we veil the crosses in the final days of Lent, hiding our Lord and Saviour under the purple cloth. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. Palm Sunday is Lent's sixth and last Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week. Year 5 have been rehearsing a retelling of Christ's Passion and are looking forward to sharing it, outdoors, we hope, on Wednesday.

School News

Star of the Week!

RH	Nicholas	1R	Lyla
RF	Daniel	1S	Zachary
RS	Anwen	1W	Eleanor
		2H	Sophie
		2J	Hanna
		2W	Siofra

This weeks house points ...

House <th>Points</th>	Points
Fisher	1660
More	1742
Becket	1801
Clitheroe	1958

- In 4th place is Fisher with 1660 house points
- In 3rd place is More with 1742 house points
- In 2nd place is Becket with 1801 house points
- In 1st place is Clitheroe with 1958 house points

Star Writer

3H	Maria-Victoria	5B	Alexa-Rose
3M	Lily	5E	Kai
3W	Victoria G	5S	Rakshanya
4A	Kiki	6C	Nicole
4P	Tyrell	6CB	Callum
4R	Darcey	6O	Mason

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	95.3%	Junior School	95.6%
Registration Group	Attendance %	Registration Group	Attendance %	
Nursery	92.8%	Year 3	96.3%	
Reception	95.5%	Year 4	96.5%	
Year 1	95.4%	Year 5	94.4%	
Year 2	95.7%	Year 6	95.2%	

Thursday was World Poetry Day! This event takes place every year to promote the teaching of poetry, as well as the publishing, writing, and reading of this form of writing around the world. We are very blessed at the moment, with many things in life to inspire us, particularly the new season we are entering. To mark World Poetry Day, we would like pupils to write a poem inspired by Springtime. Perhaps you could embrace our longer evenings by going for a walk and soaking in all the blessings of this season. We would then like to collect these poems and either make a poetry book or display in school to celebrate the wonderful creations by the St Mary's community. We look forward to reading all your poems! Mrs Kenny

Please be reminded that no children should be scooting or riding bikes in the grounds.

International Day of Happiness!

The United Nations declared March 20th as the International Day of Happiness in 2012, recognising the importance of happiness and well-being in promoting sustainable development and global peace. Our children discussed in class when they feel happy and recorded their ideas in their PSHE floorbooks. Our wonderful pupils came up with some fantastic ideas!

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Golf

On Tuesday, our Year 4 golf team were selected to represent Sutton at the London Youth Games final in Redbridge. The team took part in a series of golfing circuits, some which they were familiar with and some new to them. The team were wonderful and improved with every circuit. We are so proud of our pupil's for being selected to represent Sutton and for showing such fantastic sportsmanship. A huge thank you to the parents who made this trip possible and an even bigger well done to our wonderful pupil's!



Tag rugby festival

On Thursday morning, a group of pupil's from Year 5 and 6 took part in a tag rugby festival. During this event, the pupil's had the chance to try a series of different rugby based activities and then took part in several games. Our team was fantastic, showing great resilience and determination. Thank you very much to all the parents and family members who made this event possible. Well done to everyone involved!

New kits

A huge, huge thank you to the PTA for kindly providing us with new kits. We now have 16 new football kits, with the school logo on the front and numbers on the back. We also have 60 new multi-use sports tops with our school name on the back. These kits have been really well received by all the pupil's who are delighted to wear them. Thank you to the PTA for supporting us with all our sporting ambitions!



Year 3 & 4 Multiskills

On Monday afternoon, we had a group of Year 3 and 4 children attend a sports event in Purley where they had the opportunity to trial some new sports and develop their skills. They had a chance at cricket, squash, tennis and hockey. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part as a team and showed great sportsmanship towards each other. It was lovely to see the children try something new and show great resilience throughout the event. Well done to all children involved and we hope this event has sparked some interest in taking up a new sport!

Our Year 5/6 girl's football team played a very exciting match on Wednesday against Wood Field Primary School. Wood Field hit the post early on, but we had the majority of the possession; however, at half-time the score was 0-0. In the second-half, we continued to play most of the game in the other team's half and forced many corners, but couldn't quite score with the final result being 0-0. We then had a penalty shootout and won that by an extremely well-taken penalty. Thanks to all the parents and carers who came to support and well done to both teams for a spirited game played with good sportsmanship.

Does your child have an achievement outside of school? Email the school office and we can add it to the school website - <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/easter-special?pid=MTA101634&v=124.6>

Dates for the Diary

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

	NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL	JUNIOR SCHOOL
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 3 Reception Lent Reflection at 2.40pm – Reception parents welcome – 1 adult per pupil to attend only due to space restriction in the hall. Entry via Gate 3	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 3	Easter Lunch Easter Reflection at 1.45pm 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 Year 2 Repeat Parent Assessment Meeting at 2.45pm – 3.05pm. Entry via Gate 3.	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 at 3.20 – 3.30pm. Entry to classroom via dining room doors
Fri 19th Apr	PTA Donation Day Book Look – English & Writing Books at 3.20 – 3.30pm. Entry via Gate 3.	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

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Fri 26th Apr		Worry Ninja Workshop for year 6 – children only Year 4 Swimming 1pm – 2.30pm Y3 After School Treat Sales (PTA)
Tues 30th Apr		Year 5 Elm Whitehall Trip 10am – 12pm
Thurs 2nd May	Height & Weights – Reception Children only	Book Look – Maths Books at 3.20 – 3.30pm. Entry via dining room doors
Fri 3rd May	Book Look – Maths Books at 3.20 – 3.30pm. Entry via Gate 3.	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	Mass for Ascension Day – children only	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
Thurs 23rd May		Sponsored Bounce – More details to follow
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 at 3.20 – 3.30pm. Entry to classroom via dining room doors

Fri 7th June	PTA Donation Day Book Look – Science Books at 3.20 – 3.30pm. Entry via Gate 3.	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 at 3.20 – 3.30pm. Entry to classroom via dining room doors
Fri 5th July	PTA Bottle donation day – More details to follow! Book Look – Humanities Books at 3.20 – 3.30pm. Entry via Gate 3.	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
Thurs 11th July	PTA Committee meeting at 7pm – Infants	PTA 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.