

Friday 23rd February 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,

According to the **Farmers' Almanac**, Saturday 3rd February was the halfway point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. What a relief this brings to us all, knowing that we have passed that point and are heading to brighter days just as the daffodils and primroses promise us. Today brings a beautiful blue sky too to enjoy. We have many joyful events in school each week and this one has been no exception. We invited our school governors into the infant school on Monday afternoon. They enjoyed chatting to the children and looking in particular at the provision of reading. A meeting with management followed into the evening, scrutinising academic achievements across the federation and looking at the anticipated picture for this year. This is a termly exercise and one that is most important in monitoring learning provision.

Later today, we have parents in the junior school preparing for the International Family Day tomorrow. This has always been a popular event in the community and we hope to see many of you enjoying each other's company. At St Mary's we are privileged in welcoming children and their families from all corners of the earth, this is a fitting tribute in enabling this new world to be central to our school values.

This is another short half term but we still hope to have times when we can invite you into the school. You will see that we are re introducing "Book Look" and including the juniors from now. This will be a quick session for 10 minutes when your child will be able to show you their favourite pieces of work from one subject- this next time this will be RE.

Enjoy the weekend, perhaps getting out for a walk to enjoy the daffodils.

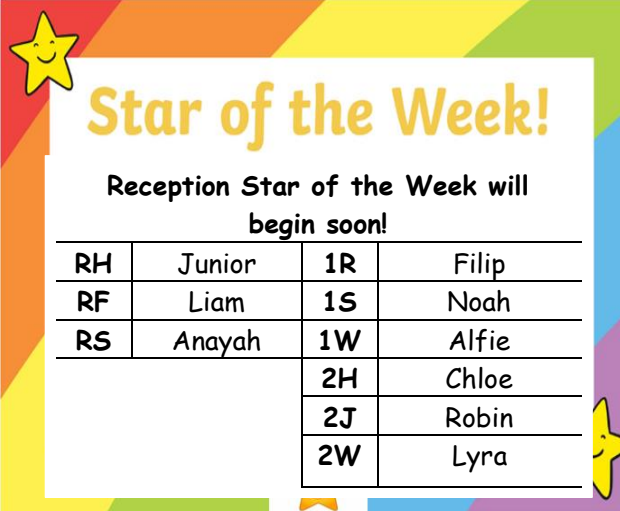
P.S: The ducks were safe and flew away



Year 6 have created an interesting display of their work, which demonstrated the differences of biomes throughout the world.

Thank you Year 6 for sharing this fabulous work with us in the dining hall.

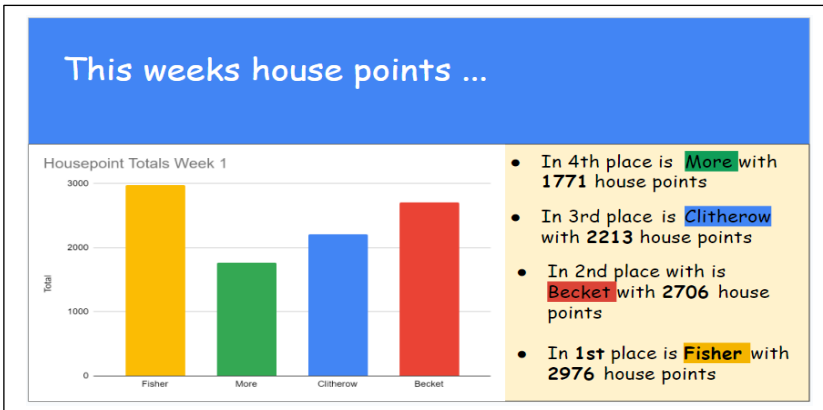
News for the week



Star of the Week!

Reception Star of the Week will begin soon!

RH	Junior	1R	Filip
RF	Liam	1S	Noah
RS	Anayah	1W	Alfie
		2H	Chloe
		2J	Robin
		2W	Lyra



Achievements Outside of School
 Please visit our webpage to see the fantastic achievements outside of school
<https://www.smcsc.org.uk/achievement>



Star Writer

3H	Isabella	5B	Adrian W
3M	Michael Y-H	5E	Rocco N
3W	Riva	5S	Frank
4A	Lorenzo	6C	Reuben
4P	Ruby	6CB	Aiden
4R	Josie	6O	Ciara



Football

On Monday afternoon, a team from Year 6 took part in a match against Stanley Park. The boys worked really well as a team, working on the advice given to them by Coach Niall and Mr Parr. Unfortunately, the boys lost the game 1-0 after a penalty decision, but we are really proud of their perseverance and determination. Well done to all the team who took part and thank you to all the parents and carers who supported this event.

Chelsea FC Coaches in School

Today, we were lucky enough to have some coaches from the Chelsea FC foundation who took our Year 6 girls and practised their dribbling and passing skills. The coaches will come back and work with our Year 3, 4 and 5 girls later this term. Our thanks go to the coaches who were impressed with our girls for their positive energies and efforts.



Racquetball

On Wednesday afternoon, 4 pupils from Year 4 went to Nonsuch Secondary School to take part in a racquetball event. At this time, pupils took part in a series of racket-based sports and tried out different skills. They worked together as a team and showed great sportsmanship to the other schools who took part. Well done to all the team who took part and thank you to all the parents and carers who supported this event.



Multi-skills

On Friday before half term, a team from Year 3-6 took part in a Multi-skills event at Sutton Sports centre. The team worked brilliantly together, working their way around a series of circuits requiring different skills. The team were able to try a range of new sports, including curling. It was wonderful to see how much these pupil's enjoyed this event and we are so proud of them. Well done to all the team who took part and thank you to all the parents and carers who supported this event.



Catholic News Round up



Catholic Children's Society

Lent Appeal 2024

"Make your Voices Heard"

Our Lenten charity this year is the **Catholic Children's Society**, an organisation which helps disadvantaged families in London and the south east. In the past families in our school community have received much needed crisis support from this charity. We would encourage you to pray for the work of the Catholic Children's Society and give what you can to support their work. <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/> Lent collection boxes have gone home with the children. Please return after the Easter break.

School started this week with a special liturgy about Ash Wednesday and how it marked, last week, the beginning of Lent. We have changed our prayer tables in every class to reflect this with a purple liturgical cloth. We are using beautiful Taize prayer songs in class for some of our prayer times, and silence too for the opportunity for siLENT prayer.



In the Junior School, Chaplaincy Team members have prepared for leading prayer every Tuesday lunchtime for Years 3 and 4, and Wednesday lunchtime for Years 5 and 6 in our school chapel.

Table Talks - Which is heavier, a dream or a song?



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	95.24%
Junior School	95.55%

Registration Group	Attendance %	Registration Group	Attendance %
Nursery	92.43%	Year 3	96.38%
Reception	95.33%	Year 4	96.14%
Year 1	95.37%	Year 5	94.29%
Year 2	95.68%	Year 6	95.36%

PTA 50/50 Draw

Please collect from the Junior School office your prize winnings.

January 2024 - Freya H - 3W

February 2024 - Olivia O - RF

Wednesday Word

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

Dates for the Diary

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

	NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL	JUNIOR SCHOOL
Sat 24th Feb	PTA International Fayre - (1-3pm - Junior School)	PTA International Fayre – (1 – 3pm Junior School)
Mon 26th Feb		Year 5 Netball – Development competition at St. Philomena’s B team Football Match St. Mary’s vs St. Elpheges
Weds 28th Feb	Curriculum & Standards Governors Committee Meeting at 7pm – Juniors Year 1 phonics boosters	Curriculum & Standards Governors Committee Meeting at 7pm - Juniors
Thurs 29th Feb	Year 1 phonics boosters	
Fri 1st Mar	PTA Wine/Gin Tasting (Adult Event) – CANCELLED	TFL talk for Year 6 (children only) PTA Wine/Gin Tasting (Adult Event) – CANCELLED
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	
Fri 3rd May		Sponsored Bounce
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
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.