

## Weekly Newsletter - Friday 28th January 2022 - Spring 1 Term

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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: Miss M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Miss F Sullivan & Miss E Bryant, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond



Dear Parents and Carers,

Again, the same sentiments apply this week, we remain in the hope that we can have full classes and full staff attendance, unfortunately this is not the case. Thankfully some people are only mildly affected by this virus but for each one of us we don't really know until it takes hold. So our prayers are with those who may be more affected than others.

We are struggling with staffing at both schools (due to COVID) that includes the whole range of designations: cleaners, site staff, midday supervisors, office personal and classroom staff. We ask that you continue to be patient as we strive to keep our doors open to accommodate all pupils, in addition to providing online learning. However as more of our regular staff are absent, this is proving very difficult.

With regard to PAR Days, we hope to be able to continue as planned but may need to re arrange ones for certain classes as relevant.

From messages coming through, we realise many of you are also finding it difficult too at home. St Mary's families have always made very successful bonds between each other in support of helping with the school run - thank you to those who continue to do so. If you know of a family who is having difficulty getting their child to school- could you offer to help as it is imperative that all children attend school, unless they themselves are sick. Thank you.

Our Lord sends us beautiful blue skies to try to keep our spirits up, together with some daffodil shoots- please remember that our thoughts are with each of you in these challenging circumstances.

Kind regards to each and every one of you.

### Where to find the appropriate communications?

Class Based Activities/Reminders - Google Class Room

Safeguarding Alerts - Email from School Office / Website under Latest News

Newsletters - Email from School Office / Website / Google Classroom

Communication/Trips/Events - Email from School Office and Website under Latest News

**Communication:** If your query is personal to your child - please request a meeting with the class teacher in the first instance, this will hopefully enable us to respond quickly to resolve any concerns.

### Spirituality

#### **Sunday 30th January 2022 - 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Last term pupils in Years 5 and 6 took up Pope Francis' invitation to share their thoughts and reflections about the Church. Their responses were collated into a document which was then sent to our Diocesan Synod Team for inclusion in the Diocesan responses. The Synod Team has described our submission as a 'substantial contribution'. A big thank you to all the pupils who took part - your voices are being heard.

**Table Talk Topic of the Week: Are clouds in, under, or above the sky?**

# News for the week

## Attendance

The attendance  
Figures for w/c  
28/01/2022

Infants Juniors  
94.9% 94.1%

Our target is:  
97.4%

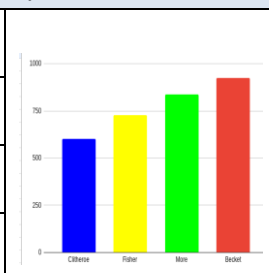
Get well soon to those  
children off unwell.

## Stars of the week

R Fox	Arjeta K
R Squirrel	Valerie E
R Hedgehog	Matylda B
1 Wren	Albert K
1 Sparrow	Alfie B
1 Robin	Jorgiana R
2 Heron	Lennox J
2 Jay	Adam N
2 Woodpecker	Jennifer R

## Housepoints

Clitheroe Scored:	603
Fisher Scored:	729
More Scored:	836
Becket Scored:	924



Correspondence for any staff member is to go via the school office and not to be send directly to any staff member. It is school policy not to respond from personal emails therefore your query may not be answered.

**Reminder - No Afterschool Clubs will be running during PAR Week (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February), your child will need to be collected at 3.15 unless they attend Orchard childcare.**

## Curriculum News

Start thinking about costumes...



World Book Day 2022 will be taking place on **Thursday 3rd March 2022** this year. On this day, we will be dressing up as a book character to mark the occasion. This will launch our 'St Mary's Marvellous Book Month' event at school. Everyone is invited to dress up as a book character of their choice. A letter with some ideas of characters and costumes will be sent via email next week. Reception class staff will be in contact regarding a theme linking to their learning in class.

## Office News:

### Free School Meals

You may be eligible to receive Free School Meals for your child provided you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit. To check if you are eligible for this entitlement please apply online using the following link to Sutton Council's website:

[Apply here for Free School Meals](#)

Alternatively contact the school office.

## Lost Property

The Lost property boxes will be placed outside the Junior Playground on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February after school, any items not collected will be placed into the 'Berty Bin' at the Infants.

## Reporting Absence

Please note when reporting your child absence, you will need to call each day of absence and also include an email to the office.

## World Thinking Day - 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

If your child attends one of the following: Rainbows, Brownies or Guides they may wear their uniform in place of school uniform on this day with all other items of clothing confirming to uniform expectations e.g. Shoes, coats, PE Kits and all accessories.

## PTA News:

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

You may have already spotted some of the upcoming PTA events on the previous Newsletters. Now we need your help to bring them to life! 🍷

Please click on the link below to see what we're planning and to let us know what events you can help with. 🙏

<https://docs.google.com/forms/u/5/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqw6ZjLjZecBIWUBKHBFuCvmGoFOX5vjGcC4HiMqAKBSIEhQ/viewform>

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped us fundraise a whopping £7,910 for our school in the last term!

## Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/gods-love?pid=MTA101634&v=50.6>