Friday 28th May 2021

Stay Connected Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary:

- Online Parent Consulations – Friday 28th May 2021
- Summer Half Term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021.
- Summer Term 2
 Begins Monday 7th
 June 2021

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a busy half term.

Thank for your support in continuing to follow our Covid security precautions which have meant school has remained fully open since Easter.

Please continue to be vigilant and contact us if you need advice or have any concerns regarding your children's health.

When we return after the half term break the school day will finish at 3:15pm.

Procedures in the morning and our 'one way system' will remain as they are now.

Over recent weeks the children have had an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost.

They have also remembered all of their families throughout the world in their prayers to Our Lady.

Enjoy the break next week,

God Bless.

Mr Bonner

Mental Health Awareness Week 10th - 16th May

During the past year we have all realised the importance of getting outside into nature. That is why this year the theme of Mental Health Awareness Week was 'Connect with Nature'.

The children took part in activities all week in class to get them to think about their mental health and how getting outside can make you feel good.

For more information

please go to https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mentalhealth-awareness-week

Ms Lyons, our PSHE and Wellbeing lead will continue to share lots of resources and ideas on Class Dojo each week on Wellbeing Wednesdays.

For more information on where to get support for mental health please go to the Wellbeing page on the school website @

https://www.stignatiuscatholic primary.co.uk/keyinformation/wellbeing-support



Walk to School Week 17th - 21st May

Thank you to all that participated in Walk to School week!

A map was emailed out to parents showing a 5 minute and 10 minute area not too far from school where parking was available (for those who had to drive) to ensure everyone had the opportunity to take part. If you can't walk the whole journey to school then you

could perhaps always Park A special mention to all the and Stride!. children that walked to

Walking has so many benefits from physical to mental wellbeing; aiding concentration and creativity and creating safer, less polluted and more welcoming streets. All that makes for a happy, healthy child set up for success in and out of the classroom.

A special mention to all the children that walked to school each day during the five- day challenge, you really showed some serious walking superpowers.

Even though Walk to School Week is over we would still encourage you to walk to school when you can.





EYSF & KS1 Teachers with their walking superpowers



Ms Haddon with a few of her year 1 pupils



Year 4C celebrating numeracy week



Year 6M completing their Numeracy card challenges

RSHE Curriculum - Consultation

Thank you to those parents who completed the surveys following the RSHE consultation. As you know, we gave parents information via a parent portal (this was emailed and posted on Class Dojo), so that you could read all about the expectations of the new RSHE curriculum.

The consultation period lasted for six weeks, so we hope that as many of you as possible got a chance to log on and read all about it.

The next step is for us to anaylse your surveys and then make some key decisions about the units we are teaching. We will share this with you as soon as we have it.



National Numeracy Contest 14th - 20th May

Thank you to all teachers, parents and pupils for making National Numeracy Day so fun! We use Math in our everyday lives and practising our numeracy with some Math's games is a great way to boost Math's confidence in everyone!

The school also took part in the SumDog National Numeracy Contest from May 14th – 20th. Over 378 Schools entered the SumDog National Numercy Contest.

Pupils were encouraged to take part by playing Sumdog's free Math's games. In each game, they were required to answer Math's questions to make progress. Each correct answer gave points, which counted toward their overall score.

A **BIG Congratulations** to **6M Amur Leopards** for being our Sumdog National Numeracy Competition winners. They came 70th out of the whole nation and will soon receive a Sumdog Certificate and a prize. Well done!

Clubs

We were really happy this term to be able to offer the children some after school enrichment. Government guidelines have meant that we were unable to do this until now.

Most of the clubs are outside (weather permitting) as the children have missed out on attending sports

facilities/outside clubs this past year, and we felt it important to promote more physical exercise.

This year we have asked for clubs to be paid for online. All schools now run a cashless office, so we ask that you ensure you have downloaded the Parentmail app and pay online for any future club payments.

Please ensure you know the club day that your child is attending and collect them promptly at 4:15pm on this day. Can we also please ask that if you are giving your child a snack before their club that you make sure it is a healthy snack, for example a piece of fruit.





Healthy Eating/Healthy Packed lunches

It has come to our attention that some children have chocolate and sugary treats in their packed lunches. As part of our packed lunch policy we have asked that children do not bring chocolate or sweets into school. Please try to think of a more healthier snack, such as fruit, yogurts etc. As a healthy school we try to promote healthy eating as often as we can. I know some of you may have seen the new campaign with Marcus Rashford who has been promoting making healthy meals for children. This NHS website also has lots of great ideas for making a healthy packed lunch

https://www.nhs.uk/change 4life/recipes/healthier-

lunchboxes

We also wanted to remind parents that we are a NUT FREE school. As we have some children with allergies it is important that children do not bring nuts into school or food items with 'traces of nuts' in. This includes Nutella as it has hazelnuts in it.



Online Zoom Workshops for Parents in KS1& EYFS- from 14th June

After the May half term we will be inviting parents to some online Zoom meetings, where we will be sharing some resources and ideas for you to support your children with reading and phonics.

We will email out a zoom link in the first week after half term.

If you have any questions you would like the class teachers to address, please message the teachers via Class Dojo before the date of

the meetings.

Reception- Tuesday 15^{tr} June @ 4:00pm

Year 1- Wednesday 16th June @ 4:00pm

Year 2- Thursday 17th June @ 4:00pm



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Crowning of Mary

Yesterday the children took part in our Crowning of Mary service.

A number of traditions link the month of May to Mary. In the 13th century a text was written about the special honoring of Mary during specific dates in May. Eventually, the entire month was filled with special observances and devotions to Mary.

Therefore, every May we take this opportunity to honour Mary remembering she is mother to us all and Oueen of Heaven. The "crown" of Mary has been mentioned since the 6th century, as "corona virginum" (crown of virgins).



Haringey Holiday Booklet

Haringey Council has published an activity booklet for the May half term holiday.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, many of these events are taking

place online or in parks and open spaces.

To check out the fun activities head to our Blog on the school website, or you can download the booklet from the Haringey website here:

https://www.haringey.gov.uk /libraries-sport-andleisure/culture-andentertainment/whatsharingey/holiday-fun



Prayer

God our Father,

We praise and thank you for Mary our Mother.

Help us to follow her model of trust and courage as we try to do your will.



Punctuality/ Reporting Absences

Please ensure that your child is in school and ready to learn by **9:00am**. It is crucial that they do not miss the first lesson of the day. It is very disruptive for the child and also for the class and teacher.

If pupils are late more than twice in a week you will be sent a message. We will be monitoring and logging persistent lateness.

If your child is going to be absent please ring the office first thing. We have an answer machine so you can always leave a message as well!. We appreciate your support with this matter!

Congratulations to Year 3 for having the highest attendance percentage of 97.41% for the month of May!