



St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

Worship Reflections

Often, we can give money to help charities but there are other ways to help others too, such as donating items, giving up our time to volunteer or showing kindness and understanding to someone who might really need it.

Dear Jesus,

Teach us to be like You in all our ways. Teach us to show kindness, gentleness, generosity, forgiveness, love and compassion to all the people that we come to know.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to:

Coby Vas-Moulding, Carmen Wan, Alex Caragioiu, Libby Bowerman-Melling, Anna Parkinson & Eva Parkinson.

School Meals

*We will be on **Week 3** of the menu next week.*

All Hallows Taster Day

The Year 6 All Hallows Taster Day is tomorrow Friday 11th October.

Sacramental Meeting

Just a reminder that it is the Year 4 Sacramental Meeting on Wednesday 16th October at 6.30pm.

Mini Vinnies Christmas Card Competition

The SVP, as part of a Mini Vinnies initiative, would like each child to design a Christmas card that reflects the true meaning of the season.

There will be two categories – Infants and Juniors and the winning designs will be chosen by school staff and SVP members. The entry form came home with the children yesterday and they will have to be returned by Friday 1st November.

Open Afternoon always gives me a chance to reflect on why parents should choose our school. To be honest I do find it very easy to show off all that is wonderful and how amazing our staff team are. I suppose to the outside world the success of our school is measured in SATs results, which of course are fantastic and have been for many years. As a school our vision is about nurturing hearts and minds but quantifying how well we nurture the hearts of our children is much harder. Yet to us, it is just as important as their academic learning.

We are frequently told by visitors that our children are lovely and we get wonderful feedback about children from All Hallows'. When our Year 6 children show visitors around on Open Afternoon they impress the potential parents so much with their confidence, their happiness and their manners. But this is nurturing that school and parents do together and when you send your children to us to nurture it is because you have chosen to share our vision. So you need to be as proud as we are that our children are a real credit to us and a wonderful selling point for our school.

Mrs Gallagher

Headteacher

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Year R – **Poppy Bolton** for being a great role model to everyone in class & **Oscar Andjelkovich** for a settled attitude in class and making great positive choices.

Year 1 – **Jacob Kay** for fabulous phonics work and an excellent attitude to learning & **Edith McEaney** for writing brilliant penguin facts.

Year 2 – **Noah Briscoe** for excellent challenge maths work & **Oliver Beckett** for great work and understanding ordering and comparing numbers.

Year 3 – **Aaliyah Andrew** for working really hard with Mrs Pickup and giving her all & **Charlotte Brown** for always showing kindness and having beautiful manners.

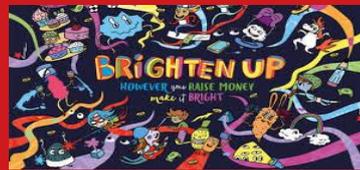
Year 4 – **Christian Bly** for super answers during our Guided Reading & **Cordelia Bowerman-Melling** for super work finding causal conjunctions during Literacy.

Year 5 – **No merits awarded as Year 5 at Castlerigg.**

Year 6 – **RF** for listening so carefully and being able to use her intuition to help her in all lessons, she is simply amazing & **Ethan Swarbrick** for his superb recall of times tables – constantly overcoming his lack of confidence in Maths and proving he can do it.

SVP Christmas Card Comp

The SVP would like each child to design a Christmas card that reflects the true meaning of the season. A letter and entry sheet will have come home with your child. Please complete your design over Half Term, fill in your name, and class details and return to school by Friday 1st November. Happy designing!



What?

Brighten Up for CAFOD.

Wear your brightest, funkiest clothes and trainers to school, jazz up your hair bobbles and 'don' those stripy socks!

When?

Friday October 18th

Why?

We are asking you to help make the world a brighter place for communities living in extreme poverty.

Who?

Everyone in the school community is invited to join in.

How?

Bring in a donation to wear your own colourful clothes.

In addition, if you are able to, please could you also consider donating a tin of 'brightness' for our local foodbank - tomatoes or mandarins, sweetcorn or peas, carrots or pasta sauce?

THANK YOU