



St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

Worship Reflections

We pray for all our brothers and sisters around the world: that God our Father might increase our courage and strength to work for an end to poverty and injustice, and that he might deepen our commitment so that the fruits of the harvest may be more fairly shared.

Lord in your Mercy, hear our prayer.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to:

Daisy Lee-Walker, Libby Bowerman-Melling, Bethany Taylor, Alex Carthy, Leo Swindlehurst & Darcie Steele.

School Meals

*We will be on **Week 2** of the new winter menu when we return after the half term holiday.*

Sacramental Family Mass

There is a Sacramental Family Mass for all the Year 4 children on Sunday 20th October at 11am.

Half Term

School will close at the usual time of 3.15pm tomorrow for the half term holiday and will re-open again on Monday 28th October at 8.50am.

PTFA 'Bags to School'

Please remember if you're having a sort out over the half term, could you kindly collect everything for our 'Bags to School' on Wednesday 30th October at 9am please? They will accept all clothing (apart from school uniforms), bedding, towels, shoes (in pairs), bags & toys etc.

England's emphatic football win over Bulgaria the other night was overshadowed by the racist behaviour of a large group in the crowd. I was very pleased to see the team refuse to play whilst the racism was going on. This week in one of our classes I have taught a Show Racism the Red Card lesson. All children do this lesson with me at some point. In this lesson we do have a very frank discussion about what is unacceptable and reportable language. What is okay to say and what is not. We also challenge any stereotypes that they may have.

Please do not be afraid to talk to your children about racism. It is a horrible fact that it exists and we will never eradicate it unless we challenge it.

I found a good article that may help you.

<https://www.parenttoolkit.com/social-and-emotional-development/advice/social-awareness/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-race-and-racism>

Tomorrow is the last day before half term. We will finish at the usual time. I hope you get chance to spend some happy time with your children.

Mrs Gallagher
Headteacher

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Year R – **Ava Mongan** for starting to blend sounds and putting these words into sentences & **Louca Gannon** for improving his scissor skills and persevering with cutting tasks.

Year 1 – **Chevelle So** for painting a beautiful butterfly & **Leighton Carr** for working hard at home and at school to improve his reading.

Year 2 – **Liesel Doherty** for excellent science skills. A super investigator! & **Aurora Melling** for fantastic communication and teamwork in a science investigation.

Year 3 – **Finlay Hogarth** for working really hard to be an independent learner & **Poppy Swarbrick** for fantastic observational drawing in Art.

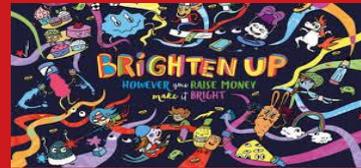
Year 4 – **Alfie Kevill** for putting 100% effort into his work & **Maisie MacMillan** for persevering and trying really hard with column addition in Maths.

Year 5 – **Isaac Hardacre** for being polite, kind and caring towards others whilst at Castlerigg & **Jacob Burns** for having a fantastic attitude towards improving his spelling.

Year 6 – **No merits awarded as Year 6 at All Hallows.**

After School Club

Due to increasing number of children in the after school club and for staffing purposes, we will have to make a change which will take effect from Monday 28th October 2019. If your child is pre-booked into after school club from 3.15pm the price will be £7 per session and this can be done up to 8.45am on that day. Any calls or messages received after this time will be considered a late booking and will be charged at £10 per session. Breakfast club will not be affected and you will still be able to drop off without prior notification.



What?

Brighten Up for CAFOD.

Wear your brightest, funkiest clothes and trainers to school, jazz up your hair bobbles and 'don't 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