



# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

*Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through*

## Worship Reflections

Some of us will be part of very big classes from cities and towns, others may be from much smaller classes with children of a wide range of ages! Classes of all different sizes and ages can work well, the most important factors are our **attitudes to learning** and the support we receive from those around us!

Lord,

Thank you for our classrooms and for them being places that we feel comfortable in. Help us to appreciate the support that we receive and to respect the resources that are provided for us to make our learning interesting.  
Amen.

## Birthdays this week

*Happy birthday this week to:*

*Charlie Mattison, Elsie Cross, Charlie Hull, Ava Smith & Ethan Cavill.*

It has been another busy week in school. The children have had lots of fun at lunchtimes using the different equipment that we have organised for them. We have discovered some very athletic pupils who are incredibly agile runners and amazing at 'BIG' skipping! The children have also started sitting on 'family style' tables to encourage mixing with different year groups. I have seen lots of smiles and noticed that the children are having some great conversations. Well done everyone.

Last week we 'crowned' some of our merit winners 'Kings and Queens of Kindness' because of their attitudes towards helping others. This week we have been continuing to focus on the theme of kindness and will be awarding crowns to our new Kings and Queens this week.



This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a season of waiting and preparing. It is about waiting for Christmas, for the celebration of Jesus' birth and all that it means. And it is about preparing — not just the shopping for Christmas, but preparing for the coming of the Kingdom of God: a kingdom of peace and joy, a kingdom of safety and of love.

It is easy for us to get caught up in the hustle and bustle, in a bid to be all things to all people. Let us accept the invitation, this Advent, to see how we can live our lives so that we can bring that kingdom into our homes, our school, our community and our world.

Have a peaceful weekend. **Mrs Woosey**

## School Meals

*We will be on **Week 1** of the menu next week.*

## Derian House

*We have received the 'Christmas Flumps' from Derian House to sell for their Charity. They are priced at £1.99 each. If you would like to buy one for your child, please send the money in an envelope, clearly marked with their name and what you would like to purchase; either a robin, reindeer or penguin.  
Thank you.*



## School Mass

*There is a Mass on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December for Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 at 9.30am. It would be lovely to see are all invited to join us.*

## PTFA Magical Christmas Evening

*We will be having another non-uniform day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December in exchange for bottle donations for the bottle-bola. The Magical Christmas Evening will be also be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 6-8pm. Please come and support the school if you can. Thank you in advance.*

## CAFOD World Gifts

*Just a reminder about that over the past few years, in order to really reflect the true meaning of Christmas, we have asked that rather than your children bringing in lots of cards for their friends, they instead, write a special message in just one card addressed to the whole class and send in a donation that would have otherwise been spent on cards. This donation will be added to their own class **World Gifts Fund**. This will then be totalled up for each class and they will then have a budget to purchase gifts from the CAFOD catalogue. The children always enjoy great discussions about what they can afford, how they want to help and what type of difference they want to make to another child, family or community. The classes share their 'purchases' with the rest of the school in a special assembly and explain why they have selected them. We are always surprised by how different the gift choices are.*

## Merit Winners

*Congratulations this week to:*

*Year R – **Molly Thompson** for being a kind and helpful member of our class & **Vincent Lenehan** for showing acts of kindness to his friends.*

*Year 1 – **Hugo Hamer** for writing his own sentences & **Anna Parkinson** for being a kind and helpful friend to the children in school.*

*Year 2 – **Elsie Cross** for your extra efforts in class and at home & **Zac Williams** for his acts of kindness.*

*Year 3 – **Hannah Tassiker-Quick** for being a pleasure to teach & **Jessica Hull** for sharing and being kind.*

*Year 4 – **Aleksandra Lesniewska** for always being kind and helpful in class & **Charlie Hull** for amazing progress in learning his spellings.*

*Year 5 – **Helena McLintic** for always being kind and willing to help others & **James Bowes** for trying his best with his work and helping others around school.*

*Year 6– **Isabelle Southworth** for showing such kindness, care and empathy towards others and being an absolute sweetheart.*