



St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

Worship Reflections

Advent is a time to prepare ourselves, to come back to God. We can do this by showing our friends and those who are in need, that we care. As we light the third candle on the Advent Wreath, this weekend, let us work for **JOY** in our school, our families and the world.



Generous God,

We thank you for all the good things that you have given us. Help us to follow the example of Jesus, to care for others and to bring good news to people who are poor.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to:

Hannah Tassiker-Quick, Jacob Kay, Faye Roscoe & Jensen Peake.

School Meals

*We will be on **Week 3** of the menu for our last week of term. When we return on Monday 6th January we will be on **Week 3**.*

School Christmas Lunch

Just a reminder that children can come to school in festive non-uniform clothes tomorrow in exchange for a small donation towards their CAFOD World Gifts class fund (if they haven't already donated). The children will be choosing their gifts tomorrow as part of their preparation during Advent to 'bring good news to the poor'.

As we light the third candle on the Advent wreath this weekend, the rose coloured candle of **JOY**, let us take time to reflect on the joyous things in our lives.

Our Children

This week the Infants have performed their Nativity to hundreds of people. To see the happy smiling faces of the children as they sang and danced their hearts out, was truly joyous and uplifting to all and a perfect reminder of why Christmas is such a special time of year. It will be the older children next week who will again share the true message of Christmas at their Carol Service. We all look forward to that with great anticipation.

Our Families

The excitement of sharing traditions and family moments such as: choosing and decorating the tree or getting the crib down from the attic. We like wrapping up warmly and taking a walk together after dark to see the local houses that are all lit up. Not only do these lights bring brightness to the streets, but they bring brightness and joy to our lives – just as the birth of Jesus, so many years ago, brought light to our world.

Our Neighbourhood

I took a walk out to the Penwortham Christmas Markets last night and felt a warm glow inside as I saw so many of our families laughing and smiling together as the brass band played and the community spirit came alive.

Have a joyous weekend. Mrs Woosey.

Zumba

Louise would like the Tuesday Zumba children to also attend the Wednesday morning session on the 18th of December.

Please could Zumba dancers bring something funky and sparkly to wear for their Christmas Showcase at 2.45pm on Thursday 19th December.

Derian House

'Christmas Flumps' from Derian House are still available to buy. They are priced at £2 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.

Lunchtime Golden Ticket Winners

Well done to our five golden ticket winners for their outstanding behaviour at lunchtime last week. They all had the chance, on Monday, to sit at the top table to eat their lunch. The 5 winners chosen this week will each be able to invite a friend to sit at the top table next Monday. Good luck!

Last week's winners were:-

Maisie Macmillan – Year 4

Louca Gannon – Year R

Alice Gee – Year 2

Olive McMullan – Year 3

Conor McMullan – Year 5

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Year R – Lily Armer for always being very cheery and kind in class & Raphael Harvey for determination to finish tasks in class.

Year 1 – Darcie Steele for looking after a friend who was poorly & Darcey Morris for being a good friend to the children in class.

Year 2 – Artur Lesniewski for fantastic home reading & Finn McMullan for his friendly, kind nature to all.

Year 3 – George Swarbrick for super work adding and subtracting hundreds & Harvey Watkins for being a delight to teach.

Year 4 – Belle Livesey for some fantastic thoughtful answers during RE & Tierney Seaborne for always being a kind friend to others.

Year 5 – Gracie Taylor for showing a lot of enthusiasm in Maths and her amazing work with factors and multiples & Oliwia Rugala for always being very helpful, kind and polite.

Year 6 – Beth Chester for her superb enthusiasm and knowledge about the Monarchy system. I am so proud of your thirst for learning & Libby Bowerman-Melling for being such a super supportive friend to Rebecca. Because of you she feels so settled.