



# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

*Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through*

## Worship Reflection

**All Powerful God,**

You are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards our infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle, for justice, love and peace.

**Amen.**

## Birthdays this week

*Happy birthday this week to:*

Charlotte Brown, Megan Alty, Angus Clarke, Henry Morville, Harry Belshaw, Raphael Harvey & Konya Sonnah.

## School Meals

*We will be on **Week 1** of the menu next week. The new menu is now on Parentmail. Can you please complete all three weeks if you haven't done so already? Thank you.*

## Year 3 Mass

*On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am there will be a Mass for Year 3 in Church. All parents are welcome.*

## Sport Relief

*We are aware that tomorrow is Sport Relief Day but as a school we are wary of asking for money on too many occasions. You are already supporting the Nugent Care through Lent in the infant egg raffle and junior Lenten games. If you would like to donate to Sport Relief please call 03457910910 or donate via the Sport Relief website. Thank you.*

Corona Virus is dominating the news so I thought I had better update you on what we are doing as a school. We are of course continuing to remind the children about thorough handwashing and use of and disposal of tissues. We are ensuring also that commonly touched areas are wiped down daily. Friday is this half term's PSHE Day and we are going to take the opportunity to really work on the children's understanding of how germs spread. (Be prepared for some gross facts coming home on Friday!)

Due to increased handwashing we are also seeing a rise in eczema and dermatitis on hands. Aloe Vera is a natural antibacterial cream which can help, as can coconut oil (check for allergies first) or Vaseline. Children that are suffering can bring into school to apply themselves. (Infant teachers will look after it for you but please make sure it is labelled with your child's name).

We are receiving daily updates from the Department of Education and will follow the advice given to us by the appropriate agencies. They have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

We have been advised that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England. We want to make sure our children continue to get their education and that you support us in making sure they attend school.

We thank you for your sensible approach to this, Some headteachers have been besieged by parents wanting answers. I am so grateful that you trust me to make the right decisions for our school.

Mrs Gallagher

## Merit Winners

### *Congratulations this week to:*

Year R – **Vincent Lenehan** for perseverance in learning subtraction & **Elizaveta Tabahmelasvili** for working very hard to write her surname – it's a long one to write down!

Year 1 – **James Coleman** for great participation in PE especially on the apparatus & **Edith McEaney** for beautiful work in Science about flowers and trees.

Year 2 – **Eirwen Walker** for fabulous dancing and singing in music & **Maisy Carr** for great sentence work in phonics – word perfect!

Year 3 – **Rio Haigh** for always being kind and helpful & **Jessica Hull** for fantastic comprehension work.

Year 4 – **Ethan Cavill** for super work during French talking about transport & **Charlie Hull** for working really hard in all his lessons – keep up the hard work.

Year 5 – **Lydia Carthy** for always living out our school values & **Harvey Elsdon** for incredible amounts of effort in all areas but especially Maths.

Year 6 – **Scarlett Hooton** for her constant benevolent attitude towards others & **Ellie Mattison** for being so studious and determined to do well.

## Lenten Games

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Wed 18<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March the Lenten games for the juniors that week will be Crispin House. Please could you support by allowing your children to bring some money to play the games? Thank you. KS1 will have an Easter Egg raffle in the last week of term and raffle tickets are now on sale at 50p each. Can you please send the money in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked on the front? Thank you.

## Year 2 Family Showcase

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March it will be Year 2's family class showcase. All Parents are invited for 2.45pm.

## 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:-**

Darcie Morris	Y2
Hannah Dexter	Y5
Scarlett Walker	Y2
Aedan Cox	Y6
Jessica Whittaker	Y2