



St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School

Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Sunday 5th July 2020

Dear Parents

Return to school

Most of you will be aware that this week schools received guidance on how we can bring all children back to school in September. I am busy working on the risk assessment but I can tell you so far that:

- Children will all return (in uniform) in September. School isn't optional and parents will be penalised for keeping children at home.
- Children will be taught in their usual year group classes of 30 ish. They will also be in bubbles of more than one class to facilitate lunches and Childrens' Club.
- We will be opening at the usual time (gates will open at 8.40). Children will enter through various class doors to prevent bottle necks. This is fairly staggered as it is. I will send further details about this and hometime when the risk assessment is complete.
- We will continue to promote regular handwashing, tissue hygiene and have regular cleaning down of surfaces.
- For the time being we will not congregate as a whole school but will continue to either Zoom or Microsoft Teams to classrooms.
- Staff will continue to wear PPE when dealing with bodily fluids and ill children.
- Staff will not be strictly restricted to the bubbles.

We cannot wait until everyone is back in school together. I know that many parents have struggled to keep their children at home when they could have sent them back but they have done this to keep staff safer. Thank you seems to be inadequate but please know that we are extremely grateful. However we are going to have to adjust to living in a world where this virus exists and work to keep us all as safe as possible. The full risk assessment will be released when I have completed and consulted with governors.





Zoom Weekly Meetings

<p>Monday Worship at 10am with Mrs Gallagher</p>	<p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88904006765?pwd=alB2ODNEdTFW5Gw4R3FaTXFoYU1nQT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 889 0400 6765 Password: 359085</p>
<p>Zumba with Louise at 1.45 (Each week it will be aimed at a different year group – it is Year 5 this week. However I am sure all at home will enjoy it.)</p>	<p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88003449578?pwd=QkU0VC9HdkhDeXI4YmFqSGlVZkhoZz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 880 0344 9578 Password: 412137</p>
<p>Friday singing practice with Mrs Atkinson at 11am</p>	<p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85641940633?pwd=R0IKYjRLeTlkOGpoOVNiT2NmMEtaQT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 856 4194 0633 Password: 357669</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summer Sumdog Challenge</u></p> <p>Over the summer holidays we will be running a Sumdog competition. This is an online maths website that is filled with many different fun games designed to help your child to practise and consolidate key maths facts. When you first start playing the questions may be too hard but once you are awarded a virtual pet then the questions should be tailored to your child's ability level. If they get a certain type of question right the games will contain harder maths questions, whilst if they get stuck and keep getting it wrong the games will become easier. You should already have your child's username and password but if you need reminding then please email me at:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">jb@st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk</p> <p>The competition ends on September 1st. Good luck to everyone. Mrs Briscoe</p>	





Virtual Sports Day

Thank you so much to everyone who has sent in their videos and photos from their sports day events at home, we have loved watching them. If you have missed them they are all in the gallery on the website. Thank you to Mrs Edmondson for organising this for us. Well done everyone!



Shout Out Wall

Reception	<p>Sierra Hoban – for her wonderful work on Handa’s surprise.</p> <p>Jessica Harrison – for her unbelievable memory in our maths ‘I went to the market’ game.</p>
Year 1	<p>Charlie Mattison- Using his ICT skills to show excellent position work in maths</p> <p>Alex Carthy – for superb effort with all of his work especially his coding 2dos.</p>
Year 2	<p>Carmen Wan – Excellent maths work on Sumdog.</p> <p>Oliver Beckett – Fantastic work describing the properties of 3D shapes.</p> <p>Lily Barnett – Amazing work learning all her times tables. Fabulous!</p>
Year 3	<p>Hallie Mattison – Great responses to her Iron Man work.</p> <p>Charlotte Brown – For great effort with her Purple Mash 2dos - especially her coding.</p> <p>Poppy Swarbrick - for accurate Sumdog and Purple Mash maths work.</p>
Year 4	<p>Ava Cross – for writing some super, extended sentences in her Literacy work.</p> <p>Max Swindlehurst – for excellent work on coordinates in his Maths work.</p>
Year 5	<p>Eva Dos Santos for an in depth and detailed science experiment to discover the best way to clean money.</p>
Year 6	<p>Will Kelly for working towards his ‘ideal me’</p> <p>Beth Chester for super effort with her writing tasks.</p>

Difficult Times

The financial effects of Covid 19 on the economy are starting to hit home with many businesses struggling to see a way through. There will be families among us that will suffer financially. Please speak to me if you need help. Everything will be kept confidential. It is difficult to get hold of funds without details of what you need help with but if you genuinely need help you can trust me to do my best for you.





Free school meals

Free school meal vouchers will be available over the summer holidays via email. There are also vouchers for the foodbank as so that you can pick up your foodbags when school is on holiday. All children on free school meals will receive a £50 voucher for Justs, our uniform shop, annually from this point. To find out if you qualify for free school meals please click the following link. Again this information is confidential. Children do not know which children are on free school meals.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

Year 6 Leavers

On next week's newsletter I will give the Zoom details for our Leavers Assembly. Most of our Year 6 will be in for the morning on the last day, socially distanced outside or in the hall. Photos can still be sent through office@st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk

If you are sending photos please make sure that you don't send more than ten please. It is taking me a long time to get through all those I have been sent.

Congratulations to Mrs Elsdon

Mrs Elsdon became a grandma on Saturday to beautiful twins; Isabelle and Peter. She is the third of us to become a grandparent to twins; a very happy coincidence. We wish her great enjoyment of her new role. A lovely time to be retiring.

Please remember to follow the social distancing guidelines, this virus is still with us and we still need to take great care. Have a super week and take care of each other.

Mrs Gallagher

Jesus, let your light shine through, in all we think, and say, and do. Amen.

