

# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



*Nurturing Hearts and Minds*

## Worship Reflection

Reflection:

People become homeless for many different reasons, at times it will be through no fault of the person but down to their circumstances. There are many charities and organisations that have been set up to help those without a home.

Dear Lord,

Help us to remember the sadness, hardships and suffering that many people are facing right now.

Let your light guide us and help us to act with compassion and love so that we can make a difference to the lives of others. Amen.

## Birthdays this week

*Happy birthday this week to:*

Lilyah Ramm, Alicia Maduka & Nyla Queen

Sometimes in life we go through times when we struggle to make sense of things. We can lose faith that things will ever get better and can develop a cynical attitude to life. And yet some people, no matter what they go through can remain positive. The story of Helen Keller intrigued me from when I first read about her in my reading book at primary school. Born deaf and blind Helen struggled to make sense of her world until an extremely patient and talented governess taught her how to communicate through touch. Helen went on to achieve great things in life and when asked how she remained so positive she famously said that "if you keep your face to the sunshine you don't see the shadows."

I know these are just words and no one truly knows how many shadows there are in your life right now. I am sure that for some of you the shadows are very present: you may have lost your job, be coming to terms with a diagnosis, or have lost a loved one. If you are struggling to see the sunshine at the moment please talk about it with someone, friend or professional. Nothing stays the same, everything changes in time and life will get better.

You all have rays of sunshine in your children who constantly make us smile. Take time to listen to their laughter, their funny stories and enjoy their cuddles. We have a delightful new child in Year 1 who we welcome warmly to our school family. Each of your children could own her name. Her name is Precious.

Remember that we are all precious to God and we need to take care of ourselves and each other.

Mrs Gallagher

## Collecting Children

Please make sure that you collect at your allotted time so that we do not end up with a hard to distance queue. Once your child is out please move around the one-way system swiftly and do not be tempted to stand and chat where people need to pass. Thank you.

## School Meals

Please note that hot meals will commence on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September** and will start on **Week 1**.

## Absences

Can we please ask that when you are reporting your child's sickness on Parentmail that you give the full reason for the absence please? Thank you.

## Merit Winners

*Congratulations this week to:*

*Year R – Merits will be awarded in a couple of weeks to Year R when they have settled in.*

*Year 1 – **Mason Ratcliffe** for great work in Maths and for sitting quietly when finished & **Amelia Rafferty** for always doing her best with a smile.*

*Year 2 – **Alfie Delaney** for being an eager and keen historian. A real thirst for knowledge! & **Eve Morris** for an excellent attitude and impressive effort towards reading. Keep it up!*

*Year 3 – **Thomas Kirby** for a super start towards Year 3 & **Jessica Whittaker** for always working hard and doing the right thing.*

*Year 4– **Hannah Tassiker-Quick** for being a super role model in Year 4 & **Jack Turner** for always putting 100% effort into all his work.*

*Year 5 – **Bethany Taylor** for excellent work and effort in Maths this week & **Maisie Ratcliffe** for showing a lot of resilience and determination when rounding in Maths.*

*Year 6– **Lily Taylor** for amazing effort in creative writing! Maximum Wow effort! & **James Graham** for having confidence with his writing.*