

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

Our value this half term is RESPECT. Respect for ourselves, for others and for the world that God has given us. In the Gospel this weekend, we also learn about how God wants us to act responsibly towards the earth so that everyone can have their fair share and enjoy the wonders of God's creation now and in the future.

Loving God,

You sent your son Jesus to show us how to live. Help us to listen to your word and care for the world that you have given us.
Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to:

Racheal Maduka, Conor McMullan, DJ & Harry Weston.

School Meals

We will be on **week 3** of menu next week.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

As we have been unable to hold our annual Macmillan event this year, Mrs Pill has kindly offered to make and decorate a cupcake for every child in school. So **next Friday (9th October)** we are asking for the children to bring in a suggested donation of £1 to buy a cake. We will also be holding a staff raffle to try and boost our fundraising total. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Mrs V. Woosey.



You have probably heard that several surrounding schools already have year groups isolating. We have been fortunate so far but I cannot help but feel that it will hit us eventually. One thing that the last six months has crystallised for me is the great sense of community we have in our school. I thought it might be good to pre-empt a couple of problems and use this great community as solutions. Having your child isolate will be inconvenient for many of you and stressful for some of you who have to work from home.

Firstly, can I make it clear that if we tell you that your child has due to a bubble isolating, that does not mean that everyone in your house has to isolate unless of course you are the family of the child who has tested positive.

One of the difficulties you may have is **getting your other children to school when you have to stay at home to look after the child who is isolating.** I know many of you will have friends and family who can help out but can you please be mindful of people who are new to the area and offer to be their back up should they need it.

If a whole bubble is isolating the class teacher will switch to teaching remotely as quickly as possible. In the meantime your child has brought home a **learning pack today.** Please do not use this pack unless your child is isolating or the whole bubble is isolating and the class teacher is ill. Inside the pack is a page of user names and passwords so everything is in one place. You will also be informed as to what day and times reading books can be changed and how to do this.

Thank you very much for adhering to our dropping off and picking up procedures, we feel that it is working much more smoothly now. As some of the pinch points make it impossible to keep to two metres apart, we would really appreciate it if you would **wear a mask.** At this point we are not making it mandatory but we would be really grateful if you would. Many of our pupils are picked up by grandparents and great grandparents and I am sure it would ease their anxiety to see us all in masks. Thank you.

Take care of each other.

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

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

Year 1 – Jessica Harrison for fabulous Maths reasoning when discussing more, less and equal & Alan Rugala for his fabulous sentences in phonics and his fabulously formed letters.

Year 2 – Nyla Queen for increased fluency and comprehension skills. It is lovely to listen to you read & Lilyah Ramm for working really hard with place value, a real superstar!

Year 3 – Elsie Cross for being a kind and thoughtful friend & Zac Williams for excellent reading, writing and comprehension work.

Year 4 – Nathaniel Dawson for super work in Maths rounding numbers to 1000 & Olive McMullan for always putting 100% effort into all her work.

Year 5 – Jaiden Bates for excellent writing using all of the writing features we have learnt so far this year & Jimena Figueroa for always working conscientiously in all of her work.

Year 6 – Lydia Carthy for giving full and comprehensive answers about Harry Houdini! & Sophie Bowman for consistently putting in 100% effort in Maths.

Corona Virus Update

Should I send my child to school?

*If your child has a temperature, a new cough or has changes to taste or smell they **must be tested**. These are Government rules. We know that the likelihood is that they will just have a cold but we really cannot take the chance and we must all do what we can to minimise the spread of the virus.*

For children aged 5 or over – use the [NHS 111 online coronavirus service](#).

For children under 5 – [call 111](#).

What about siblings?

If you have a child who needs testing you must keep siblings at home until the test comes back negative. I am sorry but these are the Government rules, we have not made them up.

Should I wear a mask on school grounds?

We would really appreciate all adults wearing a mask when on school grounds.