

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

This week's Gospel asks us to listen to what God asks of us and then go and do what is asked. It is not enough just to say that we will follow God in our lives. We actually have to go and do what is asked. We have to try to live as God wants us to.

God asks us to take care of the world and the people in it and it is up to us how we answer.

So we pray

God of love,

Open our ears to listen to your word. Lead us to help one another and to live our lives as you ask us to.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to: Phoebe Kolacz, Lingyi Zhou, Coby Vas-Moulding, & Carmen Wan

Open Evening

As we cannot do our usual open afternoon I will be doing a virtual one on Zoom on Wednesday 21st October at 7pm. Please pass this invite onto friends and family who will have children starting school next September. Anyone who has already applied will get invited by email.

Meeting ID: 860 3082 2029

Passcode: 536233

School Meals

We will be on **week 1** of menu next week.

Thank you so much for your support for Macmillan today, the children have enjoyed their cakes. Thank you to Mrs Pill for baking the cakes for us. We know we won't have raised our usual stunning total but I am sure the charity will be grateful for whatever we make. We will let you know what we have raised next week when it is all counted.

Today is also CAFOD's Brighten up for Harvest Day but we will be celebrating this on Friday 23rd October instead. Covid 19 has had a massive impact on our world but imagine living in a country where people don't have enough water, never mind soap. On the 23rd we will be raising money to help people in these countries but we will also be thinking about people locally who are struggling to feed their families. We will be dressing up in bright clothes for the day and ask that your child brings in money in an envelope with money or a packet or tin for Penwortham Foodbank.

We are constantly looking for ways to continue to do what we normally do in a new way. We were considering doing Parents Evening by Zoom but were worried about the technological issues that might happen and with the rising R rate we don't really know where we will be next month. So we have decided to complete a short report for every child which will be sent home to you. If you have any worries or questions you can request a follow up phone call with the class teacher.

We are also working on how we can do some kind of virtual Christmas production for you. The PTFA are also considering how we can continue to raise money without gathering socially. If you have some ideas or would just like to be involved, please do join us on Zoom on Tuesday 20th October at 6.30pm.

Meeting ID: 856 2495 23399

You will be guaranteed a very warm welcome.

Have a good weekend and take care
Mrs Gallagher

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Year R – None awarded yet.

*Year 1 – **Precious Okafor** for being a happy and hard, working member of the Year 1 class & **Raphael Harvey** for his excellent writing for his Lost and Found story.*

*Year 2 – **Ava Hooton** for making an excellent 3D model of Mary & **Indie Luxton-Love** for showing care and compassion to her classmates. What a thoughtful young lady!*

*Year 3 – **Aurora Melling** for working hard to produce some lovely writing & **Artur Lesniewski** for always being kind and helpful.*

*Year 4– **Lucas Wooller** for working hard during Maths & **Harvey Watkins** for super ideas during Literacy.*

*Year 5 – **Ethan Cavill** for always being engaged in class discussions and willing to share his thoughts and ideas & **Mitchell Ratcliffe** for an excellent work ethic and always aspiring to achieve his best.*

*Year 6– **Jacob Burns** for huge determination to get a 3 point answer in the Wizard of Oz comprehension & **Maisie Warbrick** for giving great input into her weekly comprehension group, helping other gain a better understanding.*

Trainers for PE

We are noticing that as we do more outside PE that there are more slips and falls when the children are wearing their pumps than there are at playtimes when they are in shoes. I have never been a fan of pumps to be honest but the difference in price between trainers and pumps has always been significant. Nowadays you can get quite cheap trainers. From next year we are going to change our PE kit from pumps to trainers. However, if you would like to send in trainers to wear instead of pumps as your children's shoe sizes change we would appreciate it. Thank you.

Covid Updates and Reminders

Positive tests

As you know, if a pupil here tests positive we have to isolate the whole class bubble for two weeks and we need to let other parents know. I am always reluctant to publish my email as I feel it can be used to report most things that should go through the school office. However I feel that the only way you can let us know over the weekend or in the evening if your child has tested positive is to email me at head@st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk . I trust that you will use it responsibly, respect my wellbeing and only use it for emergency contact. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE IF ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD IS HAVING SYMPTOMS THE WHOLE FAMILY MUST ISOLATE UNTIL THE TEST COMES BACK. IF IT IS POSITIVE YOU CONTINUE TO ISOLATE AND IF IT IS NEGATIVE CHILDREN CAN COME TO SCHOOL.