

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

Advent is a time for remembering and reflecting on the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season this year and miss the chance to celebrate the gift of HOPE that you sent us on that first Christmas.

Lord Jesus,

That first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger.

Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to: JF, Tyler Hoban, Noah Briscoe & Scarlet Holmes.

School Meals

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

Data Collection Sheets

It is very important that we hold up an up to date data collection sheet for your child/children. If you have not already returned it can you please do so asap? Thank you.

Cafod World Gifts

The deadline to send in Cards and money for the Cafod World Gifts has been extended to Monday 7th December 2020. Please send any donations in an envelope clearly labelled with 'Cafod World Gifts'.

Christmas appears to have arrived early everywhere but particularly at school. One of our rooms is filled with tubs of sweets and chocolates. They are a gift for each child in school from the step dad of Oliver Snape in Year 3. The chocolates are in quarantine and will be then sent home with each child to enjoy with their families at Christmas. Such a generous gesture, thank you so much Vinny.

We are all trimmed up for Christmas in school and excitement is starting to mount as children make their cards, decorations and calendars. We are trying to find a way around all the restrictions to give you a special Christmas treat where the children focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Mr Hughes is editing each class's video to make one whole school production which you will be able to enjoy in the last week. The children will no doubt enjoy watching their friends in other year groups too.

Class teachers will be sending details of when their class bubble Christmas parties are. Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 15th December. Children are invited to wear Christmas clothes. Please don't buy things specially, Christmas is expensive enough. Own clothes with a bit of tinsel is fine. We ask for a voluntary donation of £1 per child for the privilege of not wearing a uniform. This money will go towards a new sound system that we hope to buy that will pipe relaxing music into classes as the children come in to school and in from lunch. This will compliment some work we are doing on improving children's mental wellbeing.

Take care of each other.

Mrs Gallagher

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Year R – **Joshua Kay** for brilliant and thoughtful answering in RE & **Annie Turner** for going the extra mile with her written work and for always trying.

Year 1 – **Niamh Williams** for being happy and helpful and always trying her best & **Poppy Bolton** for being happy and helpful and for working hard every day.

Year 2 – **Lyla Mountford** for an amazing work ethic and effort towards reading! Your hard work is paying off. Keep up the good work & **Louis Delaney** for discovering a love of learning. Your growing thirst for knowledge and wanting to improve is wonderful to see.

Year 3 – **Finn McMullan** for always having a positive attitude and super spellings & **Maisy Carr** for super work in Maths, you never give up! Well done!

Year 4– **Hallie Mattison** for always trying her best during lessons and having a smile on her face & **Jessica Hull** for working really hard during our Maths lessons and always trying her best.

Year 5 – **Annabel Roberts** for being kind, hardworking and always having a positive attitude & **Lydia Harvey** for confidently engaging in class discussions and having a fantastic attitude to her learning.

Year 6– **Jessica Swarbrick** for remaining so strong and positive this week – it has been an inspiration to others Jessica & **Oliwia Rugala** for the gift of giving, generously using her time to make Christmas decorations for the class.



Friday 11th December – Santa's Drive Thru (Time sent home with child, form being sent out for you to give registration number)

Friday 18th December – Virtual pantomime in class with sweets and drinks

Raffle –Please purchase through your shopping trolley on Parentmail. Don't forget to buy for your extended family. £1 a ticket

First prize – £50 Smyth's Toy Shop Voucher Second prize –Luxury Hamper
Third prize - Luxury Hamper Fourth prize - Morrisons Childrens Hamper
Fifth prize – £25 Pristine Car Wash Voucher Sixth prize – Voucher for 2 pizzas and 2 garlic breads Seventh prize – Outdoor reindeer decoration plus more prizes to be won. (Draw on Christmas lunch day. Tickets will be sent home with children.)