

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

Advent is a time to prepare ourselves, to come back to God. We can do this by changing some of our ways and making good choices. As we light the second candle on the Advent Wreath, let us work for PEACE in our school, our families and the world.

Lord Jesus,

You are the Light of the World. Help me to share my light with everyone this Advent.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to: Hannah Tassisker-Quick, Jacob Kay & Faye Roscoe.

School Meals

We will be on week 1 of the menu next week and please remember that it is the Christmas lunch on Tuesday 15th December.

Cafod World Gifts

We would like to thank everyone who donated to Cafod World Gifts. We raised an amazing £328 and that will help so many families.

Sickness

Can all sickness please be recorded on Parentmail? If your child is off and it is Covid related, can you please keep in contact through Parentmail/phone regarding test results etc? Thank you.

I exchange emails with an elderly gentleman called Peter Tennyson. He was the person who made me aware of Father Gerard Berry, a former parish priest of St Mary Magdalen's who was killed in action in WWII. Father Gerard had a big impact on Peter who was a young boy when Father Barry went off to war. The Barry family were friends of Peter's family and Peter is very grateful to us for keeping Father Barry's memory alive in school. He takes a big interest in our school and keeps up to date with what we are up to by looking at our website. He loves our mission statement and enjoys seeing children rewarded for letting their light shine through in all they think, say and do. Peter surprised me last week by sending a very generous present to school. He has sent three WH Smith vouchers (£25, £20 and £15) and would like them to be given to deserving children. This presented us with a bit of a problem as we have so many deserving children; children who constantly let their light shine. Throughout Advent all the teachers are watching all the children carefully to see who is consistently kind and thoughtful without needing any praise. They are giving me names of children they would like to go into a Kindness Raffle at the end of term. Although there can be only three winners we know the other children who were in the draw will be happy for them, as that is the nature of someone who is kind.

This is a lovely example of kindness being rewarded by kindness. The joy of giving is so good for your wellbeing as making people happy gives you happiness. I hope that this Christmas you are all lucky enough to receive but I also hope you enjoy the pleasure of giving. The best gifts cost very little if anything at all.

Take care of each other.

Mrs Gallagher

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

*Year R – **Betsy Roscoe** for always being a super helper to everyone in class & **Jasper Tassiker-Quick** for amazing progress with his writing. Well done Jasper!*

*Year 1 – **Henry Morville** for his super effort to improve his reading when working at home and in school & **Vincent Lenehan** for talking about his fears and over-coming them when planning for our barbecue.*

*Year 2 – **Darcey Morris** for fantastic progress in reading. Becoming much more fluent and confident. I am very impressed & **Ava Smith** for working at a consistently high standard in all subjects. Your superb effort and attitude to learning means you are a delight to teach.*

*Year 3 – **Noah Briscoe** for always working hard and producing some excellent work in Maths & **Oskar Ogryzek** for being a very kind and helpful friend.*

*Year 4– **James Taylor** for really trying hard with his work even though he had a broken thumb & **Finlay Tate** for always being a kind friend to everyone and a super role model in Year 4.*

*Year 5 – **Ryan Walker** for always letting the light of Jesus shine through all he thinks, says and does & **Daisy Lee-Walker** for shining in her assessments and showing that all of her hard work is paying off.*

*Year 6– **Hannah Dexter** for her constant dedication to be a superbly positive and inspiring individual & **Alexis Williams** for being unstoppable in everything you do and giving 100% effort in all subjects at all times!*



Friday 11th December – TONIGHT – Santa's Drive Through Grotto. Times have already been allocated and you should have all return the form with your car 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.)