

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 showing our friends and those who are in need, that we care. As we light the third candle on the Advent Wreath, let us work for **JOY** in our school, our families and the world.

Generous God,

We thank you for all the good things that you have given us. Help us to follow the example of Jesus, to care for others and to bring good news to people who are poor.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to: Jensen Peake, Rio Haigh & Alex Williams.

School Meals

We will be on week 1 of the menu when we return to school on Monday 4th January.

Mobile Phones

Please remember if anyone is lucky enough to receive a new mobile phone from Father Christmas to let the office know your new contact details when we return in January. Please remember to also update Parentmail so that you keep up to date with everything that's going on. Thank you.

Covid over the Holidays

Symptoms starting this weekend must be reported to school by emailing head@st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk

As the term draws to a close it is inevitable that we reflect on what a year 2020 has been and how life has changed. As I have said in the Christmas video I could not be more proud of how well everyone in our school community has adapted and thrived regardless of restrictions and rules. We have managed to find a way around most things and just when we felt we had maxed out our learning potential we had to learn some other new skill. It would be very remiss of me to not mention how magnificent our staff have been. Sickness and isolation of staff at different points in the term meant fresh challenges every day but everyone pulled together to help each other out whilst being mindful of protecting the class bubbles. No headteacher could wish for a more dedicated, skilled and caring team. Obviously the pandemic is still with us and nothing about the risk assessment will be changing for the start of the new term. So bubbles, one way systems and staggered starts and finishes will continue.

Thank you to you all for helping me cope with whatever life has thrown our way. I know we have been very lucky in not having to isolate any class bubbles but I have always felt very supported by our parent body and our governors. Many headteachers do not have the trust of their parents and it can make for a very stressful life. I will never take that for granted and continue to put children at the centre of all my decision making.

I wish you all a very blessed and happy Christmas and will see you all in 2021.

Mrs Gallagher



Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Year R – Ivy McEaney for being an excellent role model in our class & Harry Scholes for excellent work ordering numbers.

Year 1 – Sadie Hiscock for being happy and helpful every day & Louis Taylor for being very patient waiting for his smores.

Year 2 – Alex Carthy for working hard and taking pride in his work & Thomas Kenyon for becoming more focussed on his work with a desire to improve. Lots of great effort and enthusiasm.

Year 3 – Corin Doherty for having an excellent attitude to learning & Dylan Hoban for working hard to answer carefully in comprehension.

Year 4 – Finley Hogarth for working hard to learn his times tables and achieving a fantastic score & Olivia Dos Santos for always completing her homework every week.

Year 5 – Joshua Lee for delivering an incredible inspirational speech which captivated his audience & Alfie Kevill for always working hard and putting 100% effort into everything he does.

Year 6 – Alex Dawson for showing kindness towards his peers. Always continue to shine Alex & Finn Doherty for his exceptional manners and consistent effort in all areas of school.

The lucky winners are.....

1st Prize - £50 Smyths Voucher - Olive

2nd Prize - A luxury hamper - The Coleman family.

3rd Prize - A luxury hamper - one of our neighbours on Buller Avenue.

4th Prize - A Morrisons Chocolate hamper - The Dos Santos Family.

5th Prize - A £25 Pristine Voucher - The Swarbrick Family.

6th Prize - A pizza and garlic bread voucher for Ricos - The Kenyon Family.

7th Prize - An outdoor reindeer decoration - The Dos Santos Family.

8th Prize - A £30 PJ Sports Voucher - The Burgess Family.

9th Prize - A bottle of Gin - The Jones Family.



Thank you for your support for our raffle, Christmas card, the 5ps collection and our Christmas Grotto. We raised just over £2000 with our Christmas efforts and £714.45 with the 5p collection. (I know! Amazing!). Thank you so much for all your lovely comments on Facebook and your emails of thanks. We loved seeing the children's faces when they came to see Santa and would have done it for that alone but it's lovely to be appreciated and to make money at the same time. I think we have easily raised enough money for our new tannoy system.