

# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



*Nurturing Hearts and Minds*

## Worship Reflection

This week we launch our value for this half term, kindness. We have been thinking of what kindness looks like and whether they would rather be described as nice or kind.

**Dear God,**

Thank you that we can be kind to one another.  
Thank you for the teachers and families who teach us why we need to be kind.  
Thank you, God, for the kindness and love that you show us.

Please help us to forgive our friends for any fallings-out.  
Please help us always to give people a second chance.  
Please help us to say sorry and start again.

**Amen.**

## Birthdays this week

*Happy birthday this week to: Arlo Beckett, Esme Halligan, James Taylor, Martha Hall & Harry Jones.*

## Critical Workers

Can I remind all parents who have children in school in lockdown to provide ID as proof of critical worker status? Anyone who was with us last year does not need to show it again. Email photos of ID badge or other proof that you are doing critical work in this lockdown. Thank you for all you are doing to keep everyone safe and fed.

Email to [bursar@st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk)

Kindness being our value for this half term seems particularly apt this week as we enter another full lockdown. The messages of support and appreciation I have had this week have been unbelievable. We even had doughnut gifts! Thank you so much. Not going to lie, it's been a little tricky but with your support and the hard work of all our amazing staff team we are getting things sorted and school is amazingly calm. I am not sure my timing was great, picking up a puppy last weekend but she has definitely been a welcome distraction this week. Working until late and then having to get up several times a night to a crying dog probably isn't the best combination. Fortunately Mr Gallagher did very well at Christmas and bought me some miracle face creams. I will look 25 by the end of lockdown!



Take care of each other

Mrs Gallagher

## Penwortham Foodbank

Thank you to all students, parents, staff and governors for your generosity. We have been overwhelmed by the gifts from the communities in Penwortham and District this Christmas. Thank you for the part you have played in this it is much appreciated both by the volunteers at the foodbank and by those who have benefitted.

## Teams Passwords

If you are struggling ask for a password reset and the class teacher will reset for you and send you the new password.

## Remote Learning

We know remote learning is hard, especially with children who need a lot of motivating and/or you are trying to work from home yourself. We understand, all you can do is your best. Structure helps if you can possibly do it and mornings are always more productive. There will be times when you cannot give your children the time they need. Remember there are lots of lessons on screen on Bitesize and Oak Academy that require nothing more than a child watching. Please do not allow your child to achieve nothing in terms of their learning as most of our children do work really hard and we need to not let the gap between them widen.