

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

There are many planets in the Universe. Space exploration has given us the opportunity to learn about how life survives on our own planet and also the potential of life, from the past or in the future, on other planets.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord. Help us to know more about our Solar System and make good choices about how to care for it the best way possible.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to: Claudia Howarth, Charlotte Brown, Angus Clarke, Henry Morville, Harry Belshaw & Raphael Harvey.

School Start Time

Parents are reminded that although the gates open at 8.30pm for parking, the children should not come into school before 8.40pm. Thank you.

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back at school and have school buzzing again. We can't believe how much some of them have grown in eight weeks! I am sure that it has felt strange for some of you this week and that you will have missed them no matter how glad you were to have them back in school.

It has been a strange time for everyone and we have all learned a great deal. Thank you so much for all the cards, comments and emails you have sent us over the eight weeks; you have no idea how much a positive comment encourages us. I have collected as many as I can and put them alongside my own audit of the remote learning and they have been shared with governors. One parent asked me this week if there was anywhere else he could send his comments as he felt he needed to do more than send us an email. I have never encouraged parents to do this before because it does feel like we are fishing for compliments but if you could spare a minute to put them on OFSTED's Parent View we would appreciate it. Parent View is something that OFSTED do examine before they pay us a visit. You are encouraged to do it before an inspection and we are not due one just yet but it will be great for them to look back and see that even in extreme circumstances we did well.

[OFSTED Parent View](#)

I am never one to miss an opportunity and it occurred to me that some of you may feel that you could contribute in school now that you have had plenty of practice at supporting learning. We would love to have you as a volunteer if you could spare the time. Volunteers are inducted and guided and you could make a big difference if you could spare a couple of hours a week. Volunteers are of course all required to be DBS checked. Please contact school and I will get back to you if you are interested. I am hoping that all our volunteers will be back in school after Easter.

Take care of each other
Mrs Gallagher

PTFA Balloon Race

We are having a virtual balloon race. Children get to choose a design for their balloon, name it and put a greeting on it. Balloons cost £3 each. Children will be able to tune in daily to see the progress of their balloon. We will also be tuning in at school to rev up the excitement. The race is in our final week in school Monday 29th March- Thursday 1st April.

<https://www.balloonrace.com/marymags>



South Ribble
in
Bloom

Great Big Tomato Grow
Fun competition for under 16s

Request your seeds from bloom@southribble.gov.uk
or find out more at southribble.gov.uk/gbtg



This year SRBC want budding gardeners across the borough to join in the green-fingered fun of South Ribble In Bloom by taking part in our brand-new competition for young people - the Great Big Tomato Grow!

We'll send you the seeds, your job is to use them to grow as many tomatoes as you can! Want to join in? Just get in touch and we'll send you a pack of tomato seeds along with an information leaflet about how to grow them.

Drop us an email to bloom@southribble.gov.uk by Wednesday 31 March 2021. Please include your name, your age, and an address for the seeds to be sent to. All seeds will be posted out at the beginning of April. Once you get them, simply follow the tips on the leaflet to plant them and help them grow!

The winner of the competition will be the young person who can grow the most tomatoes in a single bunch. Enter by emailing us a photo of your best bunch by Tuesday 31 August 2021.

For more information visit southribble.gov.uk/gbtg

May the best bunch win!