

# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



*Nurturing Hearts and Minds*

## Worship Reflection

Sports, whether for fun, work or learning are not just about fitness or victory but they can also provide opportunity to teach us lifelong skills, fairness, teamwork and hope.

*O God,*

*You gave us bodies, minds and hearts with which to praise and worship you. Our sports and exercises are a fitting use of gifts and talents you have given us. Bless our workouts and the games we play and those with whom we exercise or compete. Give us strength, endurance, courage and agility as we compete or train. Keep us safe and healthy as we celebrate our physical and mental skills in sport.*

*Amen.*

## Birthdays this week

*Happy birthday this week to: Annabel Scales, Harvey Watkins, Olivia Dos Santos, Evelyn Larkin, Alfie Delaney, Louis Delaney & Oliver Parkinson.*

### Rise and Shine Jog

*Thank you to everyone for competing in the Rise and Shine Jog today. We have already collected some astonishing amounts. If you please all collect your sponsorship money and hand into class, clearly marked with your child's name? Thank you.*

### School Drop Off

*Can I please remind all parents that we open the school gates at 8.30am for drop off but the children are not allowed into the school until 8.40am. Thank you.*

As the government road map is on track, I have been looking at all the Covid measures that I have put in that are beyond the guidance, to decide which it would be sensible at this point to lift. I know we are still getting local cases so I don't think we can afford to be complacent yet but as most staff are now at the second vaccination stage we are feeling much safer. From today there will be no longer a requirement to wear a face mask outside school although please feel free to do so if you wish.

The school guidance says there still has to be some social distancing in school but I think that we can allow the bubbles to become a little bigger outside. Therefore, after half term the infants will be able to play with each other outside, Year 5 and 6 can mix and Year 3 and 4. They will eat in three sittings in the hall although we will still keep them separate inside. A step in the right direction.

Thank you for your responses to the Relationships questionnaire. The majority of parents were in favour of the language being used set out in the document and supportive of the policy. Governors adopted the policy on Tuesday evening. The physical changes part of the curriculum will always be taught in the summer term. A parent handout detailing the content to be covered will be issued ahead of the lessons so parents can withdraw their children if they wish after they are clear about what is to be covered in that year group. We will be organising an online safety session for parents too.

Thank you to for your responses to the uniform questionnaire too. Governors are meeting again on Tuesday evening to make decisions based on your responses. I will let you know on Wednesday what is decided.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Gallagher

## Merit Winners – Congratulations this week to;

Year R	<b>Auden Brindle</b>	<i>For super progress with his phonics.</i>
	<b>Niamh Coleman</b>	<i>For trying so hard with her counting work in Maths.</i>
Year 1	<b>Alan Rugala</b>	<i>For using his super memory to remember the order of the register in class</i>
	<b>Vincent Lenehan</b>	<i>For great Maths work when learning about fractions and halves</i>
Year 2	<b>Alfie Delaney</b>	<i>For making a concerted effort with his letter formation. Keep going, hard work pays off!</i>
	<b>Payton Vas-Moulding</b>	<i>For having a 'supersonic whizz bang maths problem solving brain! What a star!</i>
	<b>Ava Smith</b>	<i>Coming up with some brilliant rhyming words and writing a superb seaside poem.</i>
Year 3	<b>Noah Briscoe</b>	<i>For being a kind and caring friend</i>
	<b>Faye Roscoe</b>	<i>For always working hard and giving her all</i>
Year 4	<b>Hallie Mattison</b>	<i>For always being kind and helpful in class.</i>
	<b>George Swarbrick</b>	<i>For super work in Maths – problem solving.</i>
Year 5	<b>Maisie MacMillan</b>	<i>For incredible story writing including aspirational vocabulary</i>
	<b>Alfie Kevill</b>	<i>For excellent contributions in our Science lessons</i>
Year 6	<b>Henli Pratt</b>	<i>For being knowledgeable and helpful during Maths</i>
	<b>Sophie Bowman</b>	<i>For excellent and insightful input in Art discussions</i>