

# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



*Nurturing Hearts and Minds*

## Worship Reflection

In today's worship we reflected on Sunday's gospel where Jesus cures the blind man. We have asked the question *What Would Jesus Do?* in a number of different situations and are going to try to keep that at the forefront of our minds as we move through this new school year.

God of all, give us courage to stand up and make our voice heard, to speak out for a world where all people have the chance to live free from poverty and bullying.

Amen

## Birthdays this week

*Happy birthday this week to: Liam C, Payton V-M, Jessica W, Sennen D & Jack T.*

### School Meals –Important Notice

*Across the county LCC Catering are having huge problems with food deliveries because of a drastic shortage of drivers. The ladies in the kitchen have managed for the two days this week but we are concerned about next week. The ladies will do their utmost to give the children their choice of meal but some substitutions may need to be made – they will do their best to keep the options as close to the original choice as possible.*

*Just a reminder that meals have now increased to £2.35 per day from 1<sup>st</sup> September.*

Welcome back to school, I hope you have all enjoyed some great times with your families. It has been lovely to catch up with the children and hear all their news. They have certainly enjoyed not being in their bubbles.

A very special welcome to our new Reception Class children and their families. I am sure you will all be very happy in our lovely school community.

Congratulations and welcome to Miss Sam Hall who has joined our lunchtime team, replacing Mrs Wadsworth and Mrs Catherine MacMillan who was appointed in the holidays as a teaching assistant to replace Mrs Henry. Mrs Seanna Roscoe has led netball club for several years. She will now also be sports coaching at lunchtimes on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. This is how we are choosing to spend some of sports premium this year. Phil Cain will be coaching on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

On Wednesday all staff completed their safeguarding training and we also did some behaviour training. We pride ourselves on how well we manage behaviour but are not complacent and constantly want to improve. We also want to build on some of the changes we have had to make because of operating in bubbles which we feel have really helped the children. This is all being reflected in our new behaviour policy which I am currently rewriting. One of the main changes you will notice is that we will no longer do merit certificates. Instead we will have recognition boards in class which will allow children to be recognised a lot more regularly for great behaviour. Teachers will also have a variety of ways of letting you know when your child has been amazing.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gallagher

Headteacher