

# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



*Nurturing Hearts and Minds*

## Worship Reflection

Lord Jesus Christ,  
We thank you for all involved in the Tokyo Paralympic Games; for the skill and bravery of athletes; for the wisdom and care of judges who ensure an equal chance for all; for the support and encouragement of coaches and teammates; and for the grace and kindness of volunteers who welcome all who come. We ask that as the champions of the world unite in the spirit of Paralympic competition you would grant us a vision of a world united in mutual respect and tolerance united in fairness and encouragement united in harmony and peace.

We ask you this in your name.

**Amen.**

## Birthdays this week

*Happy birthday this week to: Mitchell R, Cleo C & Carter L-W.*

### School Meals

*We are on Week 1 of the menu next week.  
Just a reminder that meals have now increased to  
£2.35 per day from 1<sup>st</sup> September.*

### Pre-School Nursery

*The Pre-School Nursery will be available from  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November after the half term holiday.  
If you would like your child to register to attend  
please contact Becky on 07758882722. Thank you.*

### Morning Drop Offs

*Just a reminder please to use the school  
playground when dropping off your children to  
school in a morning. Please do not park on Buller  
Avenue. Thankyou.*

I have been reflecting this week on how Covid has impacted us as a school. It still feels a little strange walking around without a mask and not panicking about bubbles mixing but it's almost business as usual for us. Except it isn't because we have been through something enormous and it will have changed us all in some way. Even the children seem to sense the enormity and seem very appreciative of the normality. Children are appreciating being able to play with friends in other classes but a few things have happened this week that could not happen over the last 18 months:

Reception Class have met their Year 6 buddies, something Year 1 children really missed out on last year. One of the great privileges of being in Year 6 is being a buddy and the children get so excited about it and take their responsibilities very seriously.

Year 6 children have been to Mass and Year 5 children have met with Father Roy to discuss how we are going to restart their sacramental programme. Parents will have received an email about this.

Louise's Zumba classes are full as we can now mix the ages; we love to see the little ones dancing with the older ones. The children were absolutely buzzing.

We are of course not through this, people are still getting ill and we know that we will need to be prepared to act if hospitals get put under pressure. In the meantime we are enjoying our new freedoms.

I did warn you last week about food supply difficulties due to the shortage of delivery drivers. Not one child has moaned that their food choice has been altered. Thank you to the ladies in the kitchen who are being seriously challenged, but doing an amazing job.

Have a happy weekend.

## Food bank

Penwortham food bank is running short of stocks so all donations would be gratefully received. It would be really helpful to have a parent who could run our donations up to Kingsfold Community Centre occasionally. It is hard for us to get out of school when the community centre is open. If you could help please contact the office. Thank you

## Uniform

I am sure you will agree that the children still look very smart in their uniforms. Can I please remind you that children shouldn't have nail varnish on or tattoos please. Thank you



It was fantastic to greet so many new members on Tuesday at our meeting. Thank you to everyone who came along and please know that you are always welcome whenever you can make it. The PTFA raise thousands of pounds every year to help school provide the children with fantastic learning and fun activities. Being on the committee is just one way that you can help with fundraising. Here are some other ways:

- Join the PTFA mailing list –that way you can volunteer to help at events like discos and fairs.
- Select St Mary Magdalen's PTA as you Amazon Smile choice. (See email sent on Wednesday)
- Offer raffle prizes, or approach people you know with businesses who could offer a prize.
- Offer a skill that we may be able to use sometime e.g. one of our Dads designs our posters as he is a graphic designer, another has offered his man with a van business should we need it

More details will follow but dates for your diary:

**Pumpkin Disco: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**Santa's Magical Christmas Drive Thru: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**