

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Thursday 13th September 2018



Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

Worship Reflections

People have all kinds of reasons for not wanting help, they may want to be independent, be fearful of strangers or they may just want to be asked. There are also people who may not obviously require our help but would appreciate it! It is important we always ask first, this way we can be sure we are doing the right thing and behaving in a respectful manner.

Lord,
When we see others struggling or in need of assistance, help us to be respectful and thoughtful when offering our support. Also help us to notice when others may need help but do not ask for it.
Amen.

Absence in term time

Holidays in term time are only authorised in truly exceptional circumstances. Please seek permission before booking and refer to the attendance policy.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to:

Carter Lee-Walker & Lilyah Ramm

Summer Diaries

Please could all summer diaries be handed in tomorrow? Prizes will be awarded in achievement assembly on **Friday 28th September**.



Year 5 and 6 All Hallows' Meeting

The new headteacher of All Hallows', Mr Horrocks, and a couple of his senior staff will be in our school to meet parents of children in Year 5 and 6 on **Thursday 20th September at 7pm**. The transition programme will be outlined in this meeting. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Horrocks to our school for the first time.

Serving the school community

Have you ever considered helping in school? We have around twenty volunteers who help in school weekly and they make a tremendous difference to the success of pupils. If you would like to do this we do a full induction and make sure you are confident doing the tasks we assign you. If you have a spare couple of hours please do give it some consideration.

There are many other ways you can help, even if it is just occasionally. We are always looking for people to

- join the PTFA or volunteer to help at events.
- help us with the school garden.
- build and fix things
- man the library for an hour after school

We do appreciate that many of you have busy jobs and little ones to see to at night and cannot commit the time at the moment.

However it is essential that you find the time to help your own child be happy and prepared in school. Please make sure you come along to your child's termly toolkit event on Thursday 20th September. (Y1-6) or Thursday 27th September (YR). Details are below. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Gallagher

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Just a reminder that it's the MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September at 9am. All donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated on the day to sell and it would be lovely to see you all if you can make it.

School Meals

We will be on Week 1 of the menu next week. Please remember that the school meal has now increased to £2.30 when making your payment on Parentmail.

Quality Mark Success.

We are proud to let you know that we have been awarded two new quality marks. We have received both Lead Computing School and Gold Award Games mark (PE). The Letterhead seems to be constantly changing but I am definitely not complaining.

PTFA Dates

All dates are on the calendar but at the meeting on Monday we added a few new ones:

Wednesday 10th October –Bingo Night

Thursday 18th October –Pumpkin Disco

Wednesday 5th December –Magical Christmas Evening

The next meeting will be the AGM and will be on Monday 29th October at 6.30pm

Thank you

After five years of tireless work for the PTFA Andrea Melling has decided to focus her energies on helping in the classroom and on her family. We thank her for her wonderful ideas and all her hard work. Andrea has been instrumental in the success of the PTFA and we are very grateful.

Words of the Week

This year we are all seeking to expand our vocabularies to help our children to be even better writers. Please encourage them to use these words. Older children may well be motivated to learn the adult words.

Reception	awesome
Year 1	spectacular
Year 2	glorious
Year 3	astonishing
Year 4	exceptional
Year 5	sensational
Year 6	phenomenal
Adult	prodigious



Mobile Phones

If anyone has changed their mobile phone over the summer, can you please remember to update your details on Parentmail and inform the office of the change?

Electronic payment

Over the next couple of weeks you may see things in your Parentmail shopping basket that are not due for payment for a long time. We are trying to include everything that you will be asked for in the year so that you can plan payments rather than be asked for too much in one go. This will not include any charity contributions or PTFA events but I do hope you find this helpful. It may take a month or so get everything in the basket. Remember that your payments will go onto more than one page.

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Reception Class – Merits will be awarded in a few weeks when the children have settled in.

Year 1 – **Isabella Kay** for being a good friend at playtime and **Alicia Maduka** for being a good friend in class.

Year 2 – **Harvey Watkins** for his excellent work with the 100 square and **Poppy Swarbrick** for starting the year with a determined, positive attitude towards work.

Year 3 – **Lewis Anyon** for great answering & a positive attitude to the New Year and **Orla McEneaney** for overcoming her fears and settling in well in Year 3.

Year 4 – **Jacob Burns** for a super informative summer diary and **Sophie Bowman** for super work on Roman Numerals in Maths.

Year 5 – **Megan Alty** for being a super role model in her first week of Year 5 and **Aiden Cox** for his absolutely amazing work, creating a masterpiece of himself.

Year 6 – **Jaxon Fletcher** for making a fantastic start to Year 6 – setting a benchmark for the year and **Pippa Jolley** for making such a positive and independent start to Year 6.

Year Group Termly Toolkits

On Thursday 20th September we will be launching our new Termly Toolkits. This will be a half hour session on how to help your child that term. Homework for the term will be explained with lots of ideas of how to make homework fun and less onerous. This is quite a change from the traditional homework tasks and we hope that it will take the pain out of it for parents. We have organised the sessions so that parents who have more than one child can attend more than one class. We trialled this approach in Year 5 last term and it was very successful so please support us.

There will be three sessions for Year 1, 2, 3 and Year 4

5.30-6.0pm 6.0pm-6.30pm and 6:30pm:

Reception Class will have their own the week after on Thurs 27th at 6.30pm - 7.0pm. (Longer needed).