



St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

Worship Reflections

This week we have been looking at the difference that CAFOD makes to the lives of our global neighbours

God of hope, encourage us to reach out when we see people who need our help. Open our hearts so that we may work together to make the world a fairer place for all people.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to:

Coby Vas-Moulding, Carmen Wan, Alexander Caragioiu, Libby Bowerman-Melling, Anna Parkinson & Eva Parkinson

School Meals

*We will be on Week 2 of the **NEW** menu next week.*

Poppy Appeal for Armistice

If your child would like a Poppy for the special 100th Anniversary, we are now selling them in school for a suggested donation of 50p each. We are also selling selected items for 50p-£1 each:-

Erasers- 50p

Reflectors – 50p

Pencil Sharpeners – 50p

Pencil – 50p

Snap Ruler - £1 (only to be worn outside of school hours)

100 Club

Well done to Kamila Ogryzek who won the £15 prize money for the 100 club for October.

School Cuts

In reality school budgets have been slashed radically over the last few years, with schools left struggling to achieve higher standards than ever with less money. The difficulties have been exasperated by the massive cuts to social care which is leaving a great deal of the work that they used to pick up being left for schools to do. Headteachers have been campaigning to get the government to reverse their education spending plans so are understandably infuriated by the chancellor's patronising £10,000 one off gift to schools to spend on "little extras." We are struggling to maintain staffing levels but were told specifically that this money can not be used for this. Very frustrating, but we will keep up the fight.

For a number of years our PTFA has been paying for extra resources for us, making average donations of about £7,500 a year. Without that money we simply would not have anywhere near as much IT equipment or books in school. We are extremely grateful for their hard work and all that you do to support them. Please do your best to support them in their latest idea of using an online shopping app. Details are on the next page but I can tell you that I have already used it and it was very easy. It didn't cost me any extra and a small commission has gone to school. The PTFA have no details about who is spending what, they just know how many people are using the app and how much commission they will receive.

Mrs Gallagher

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Reception Class – Merits will be awarded to them from this week onwards

Year 1 – **Carter Lee-Walker** for wonderful shape work in our Maths lessons and **Oliver Beckett** for sharing his fabulous knowledge of animals.

Year 2 – **Hannah Tassiker-Quick** for a caring attitude, always helping others to be the best they can and **Oliver Baldwin** for a positive and determined attitude to reading, leading to being a much better reader.

Year 3 – **Ethan Cavill** for answering well in lessons and **Alexandra Lesniewska** for fabulous shadow artwork.

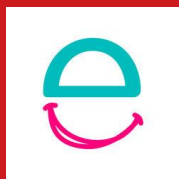
Year 4 – **James Bowes** for trying hard to learn his 10 x tables and **Jessica Caney** for super ideas during our shared writing.

Year 5 – **George Caney** for excellent effort in all lessons & **Ellie Mattison** for her perseverance in Maths.

Year 6 – **Isaac Roberts** for being a wonderful guide and ambassador during our Open Afternoon and **Jessica MacMillan** for demonstrating excellent multiplication and division skills in Maths.

School Shopping App

Download the app "Easy Funding Raising". When you open it you will be prompted to select the cause you are supporting. (St Mary Magdalen's school, PR1 9QQ).



Then you select which online website you want to use and shop as you would normally. All the main shopping websites support this. The commission is not massive but if everyone uses it the money will add up. So please download before you start your Christmas shopping.

I have done a little research and three other local schools raise money in this way. Privacy is protected, you get your shopping done and school raises a little money. Better in our pocket than that of the big retailers.

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	boring
Year 1	dull
Year 2	dreary
Year 3	repetitive
Year 4	tedious
Year 5	monotonous
Year 6	wearisome
Adult	repetitious

