



# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

## Worship Reflections

### Advent - Peace

Dear Jesus,  
In Advent, we remember the importance of peace. When we feel afraid may we know you are close, giving us peace that we can share with others.  
Amen.

### Birthdays this week

*Happy birthday this week to:*

Jacob Kay, Faye Roscoe, Libby Shaw, Jensen Peake & Rio Haigh.

### School Meals

*We will be on Week 2 of the menu next week for the last week of term.*

### After School Clubs

This is the last week for Computer and Gymnastics Club. The new club will start again on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. All other clubs will continue until the week after. The new clubs will be set up in Parentmail soon so please watch out for those. We will send an email to give warning as to when they go live.

### Year 3 & 4 Christmas Production

*There are tickets left for this performance if anyone wants any extra please collect from the office.*

## Nativities

So this week we got to enjoy the infant nativity. It doesn't matter how many I watch it still moves me when I see them on that stage singing so earnestly about the gift of Christmas.

Over the years we have seen it all; donkey's ears over eyes, Herod being wafted in the face with a palm branch, baby Jesus being dropped, shepherd's beard falling off and yet it never matters. It is always magical and parents and grandparents faces are always a picture of pride whatever their child has done. The nativity is one of those special moments in your child's life that you will treasure and rightly so.

For my grandchildren it is their first nativity at nursery. Jack is to be a donkey and Freddie a shepherd. Freddie is not happy about that as he wishes to be a giraffe but after we showed him the pictures of the nativity and the absence of a giraffe he has decided he would rather be a cow. Ah well, I am sure it will be brilliant.

Well done to each and every one of our stars in *Born in the Barn* and thank you for reminding us what Christmas is all about. Thank you to all our infant staff for all their skill and hard work in pulling it altogether.

Mrs Gallagher

## Merit Winners

### *Congratulations this week to:*

Year R – **Austin Burgess** for his enthusiasm and determination in his sound work & **Nyla Queen** for working hard on her letter formation.

Year 1 – **Alice Gee** for fabulous addition work in Maths this week and **Finn McMullan** for fabulous work writing a poem about the Great Fire of London.

Year 2 – **Dontae Hayes** for working hard to learn key words and **Jessica Hull** for great improvements with sentence structure.

Year 3 – **Jaiden Bates** for always being keen and enthusiastic to learn & **Jensen Trusch** for really working hard and progressing well in reading.

Year 4 – **Claudia Howarth** for super work during Maths learning times tables and **Oliver Parkinson** for a super imaginative story about a Pirate adventure.

Year 5 – **George Caney** for his enthusiasm and engagement in reading & **Beth Chester** for always contributing to a positive learning environment.

Year 6 – **Evie Leung** for being such a wonderful member of the class and a fantastic example to all the other children and **Matthew Howarth** for his outstanding computer skills and for being a helpful and cheery technician around school.

## Achievement Assembly

Just a reminder that the Achievement Assembly will be at the earlier time tomorrow of **2.30pm** as the Zumba Club and Year 3 will be doing their dance performances.

## Messages to School

Please can we remind you that if you need to get a message to school it not a great idea to email Mrs Gallagher as she may not get chance to read her emails until evening time. Please email or phone the school office. Thank you.

## Christmas Dinner Tomorrow

Don't forget children can wear their own clothes for school tomorrow as it is Christmas lunch day. Thank you to Mrs Pill and Mrs Neary who always manage to pull off a wonderful dinner for pupils and staff.

## 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	destroy
Year 1	wreck
Year 2	damage
Year 3	impair
Year 4	shatter
Year 5	ravage
Year 6	massacre
Adult	annihilate



## Absences

Can all school absences please be reported on Parentmail.

## Pre-School

*We have spaces in our Pre-School on a Monday morning if anyone would like to join next term?*

## Picking up Safely

This week your child should have brought home a piece of paper to communicate a password to us that would be used whenever you send someone new to pick up your child. Quite often these situations end up being last minute so we feel that this is the safest way to ensure we are handing the child over to the correct person. However please make sure you allow yourself enough time to get here with the winter weather and busy roads.

Children know that they are not to press the green button to let themselves out, but children will also do as an adult allows, so please make sure the person picking up knows to ring the bell if there is no-one at the office window. There is a sign on the door saying that a child must be let out by a member of staff-please make sure your supervising adult follows these rules. They will also need to sign the child out using the easy to use signing out screen. We are in the process of moving the green exit button higher so younger children cannot reach it.