



# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

## Worship Reflections

Mutual Respect:

We can control our happiness to a certain extent but part of this is being mindful and accepting of other emotions we may not feel as comfortable with. Everyone is different and reacts differently, this is a normal part of who we are!

Dear Lord,

Help us to accept where we are in life and to make the most of each and every day.

Amen.

## Birthdays this week

*Happy birthday this week to:*

Harry Belshaw, Konya Sonnah, Charlie Hunter & Noah Prout.

### School Meals

*We will be on Week 3 of the menu next week.*

### Levy Donation

*We are still accepting payments for the Levy Fund.*

### Showcase Assembly – Y3

*There will be a showcase assembly for Year 3 on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm. You are all invited to join us.*

### Year 6 in September

*Year 6 is a very important year for pupils and obviously parents are anxious to know what will happen in September with Mr Gaughan leaving. I am pleased to tell these parents and pupils that Miss Brooker will be moving to Year 6 with them. I am sure that will put many minds at rest. As soon as the other classes are sorted we will let you know. This will not be resolved this term though as things take time to sort.*

## Uniform

For some time now we have not changed our uniform policy. This was discussed at governors this week and we have no plans to change anything major. What we would like to do though is move with the times and give everyone, boy or girl, the option to wear grey trousers in winter or shorts and polo tshirt in the summer in line with our equality policy. Therefore neither uniform will be gender specific.

We would also like to make a plea to parents about hair accessories. No big fancy bows please. Small neat bobbles and clips please. A smart uniform gives the children a sense of belonging to our school family, one they are very proud of. Please do not try to individualise the uniform, their own little characters do that for them.

Thank you for your support in this.

## Year 1

Every day I am proud of our children but never more so than this week. One of our pupils in Year 1 has been really struggling and we have had to rethink all our strategies of support for them. Although the children must have been quite unsettled by his behaviour they show nothing but care and support for him. I know that these attitudes of love, non-judgement and understanding towards a child who has had a very difficult start in life come from you as well as us. Thank you for your support and for the care and support you offer his foster mum.

Mrs Gallagher

## Merit Winners

### *Congratulations this week to:*

Year R – **Sebastian Mountford** for improving focus in independent tasks & **Chevelle So** for willing to put her hand up in small group work.

Year 1 – **Noah Briscoe** for working hard to improve his handwriting when writing his sentences & **Isabella Kay** for being a fabulous, kind, caring & patient friend.

Year 2 – **Poppy Swarbrick** for great use of speech marks in story writing & **George Swarbrick** for fantastic attention to detail in story writing.

Year 3 – **Lewis Anyon** for always giving 100% in lessons & **Orla McEaney** for always working super hard during lesson and helping out her friends if they are stuck.

Year 4 – **Jeffrey Asa** for super work converting fractions with different denominators & **Gracie Taylor** for a super independent write- a fantastic fantasy story!

Year 5 – **Ethan Swarbrick** for always showing perseverance and working hard on word problems & **Jude Cullen** for managing to find a clever method which helps him to understand word problems.

Year 6 – **Stanley Keller** for being a fantastic historian in our recent topic lessons and **Orlaith Cobb** for good understanding of area and volume of 2D & 3D shapes.

## 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.

### Sacramental Mass

Just a reminder that there is a Sacramental Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11am for the Year 4 children.

### Ukulele Lessons

Children in Year 4 have ukulele lessons. This year for the first time we asked parents for a contribution towards the cost. This has not been very successful, with about half the parents not paying. Father Roy has kindly given us some money this year which will cover the cost. Therefore all the parents who have paid will have their money refunded very soon. The PTFA have very kindly agreed to cover the cost going forward. So huge thanks to them and to Father Roy.

Reception	happy
Year 1	glad
Year 2	delighted
Year 3	thrilled
Year 4	overjoyed
Year 5	ecstatic
Year 6	joyous
Adult	jubilant

