



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**Autumn Term 2020 Issue 6**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### **Dates for your diary**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November –**

Maths Week

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Maths Mufti**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Individual**

Photographs tbc.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Scooter**

Training (2T)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Scooter**

Training (2D)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November - INSET Day school**

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**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**January Christmas Holidays**

### **Maths Week**

As part of our commitment to keeping Mathematics exciting and high profile in our school, we are participating in Maths Week England from 9<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> November. Maths Week England is designed to improve attitudes towards Mathematics and build children's confidence.

Over the week, each class will be using a Mathematical story to engage in fun, practical activities that develop the children's problem solving and reasoning skills.

To coincide with Maths Week England, the creators of Times Table Rock Stars are running a 'Rock Out' competition for all schools in England from 9<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> November. The competition will be accessible online via [play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com).

To help us celebrate the week, we are going to have a Maths dress up day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. You are welcome to come to school wearing a costume with a Maths theme. You may decide to become a Times Table Rockstar, a number, shape, pattern or even a calculator. We look forward to seeing what you come up with!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of our new half term. With all the uncertainty we face at the moment, it has been wonderful to come back to school and see the children happy, healthy and excited to learn.

With the new restrictions in place, I would ask you to continue to use our one way system and socially distance whenever possible. Please minimise the number of people who come to our school site and wear a mask when you are dropping off and picking up. By continuing to do these things, we are all helping our school to stay safe, healthy and open to all our pupils.

Please be mindful of the new restrictions regarding who can pick up your children and make sure the office or your child's class teacher is informed if you have created a bubble with another household.

### **Church Car Park**

This week we received a complaint from the Nursery in the church car park about groups of parents and children congregating in this area once they have left the school site.

Please try not to do this as it is a shared thoroughfare for the Nursery and the School and it is important that we respect this and continue to ensure social distancing.

### **Safer at Home Guidance**

As we are all spend more time at home, Peter Cowley from AfC has sent out two short videos about how to stay safe online. If you would like to view them, use the link below to download the videos:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oKPGk5Cz4Fifo2VQDsws04YBNVSMCjHh/view?usp=sharing>

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PNaKYbSijwc3f3W79jBwkgOLIUctXLF\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PNaKYbSijwc3f3W79jBwkgOLIUctXLF_/view?usp=sharing)



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### Uniform

The children look very smart in their winter uniforms and I am very grateful to Mrs Carlton and Mrs Parletti for all their hard work in making sure our uniform shop is well stocked and that orders are fulfilled.

Our uniform is a source of great pride for our school and a really unifying force, so please do make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, including a school tie.

We are very fortunate that our uniform shop is on site so the current restrictions do not impact its availability.

Also, in line with government guidance, we continue to try and keep the school well ventilated. We are airing out our classrooms as much and as often as possible so it may be worth children wearing an extra layer under the school uniform when the weather turns colder.

### Prospective Parents

The children truly are our greatest asset and it is sad that our prospective parents don't currently have the opportunity to visit the school and see our wonderful pupils and staff in action.

I am aware that there are a number of siblings who are due to start school in September 2021 but if you do know any prospective parents who would like to know more about the school, please encourage them to make contact with the office either by phone 0208 876 6679 or by email [admissions@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk).

As a small school, we pride ourselves on being able to establish close relationships with all our pupils and their families right from the start, and this is integral to our long history of outstanding outcomes for everyone. I am keen to talk to families and answer any questions they may have.

### Christmas Cards

The deadline for Christmas Cards submissions has been extended to Monday (9th November). Please remember to complete your online order before returning your form to your child's teacher on Monday morning.

### Headteacher's Awards for Exceptional Work

All the children in our school are stars but those listed below shone a little brighter over the last week:

#### Year 1 - Turtles

Abigail Sponsler, Grace Fox, Isobel Hart, Lucie Admason, Mason Armitage, Oriana Chamula and Patrick Dolan-Bent

#### Year 3 – Seals

Aiste Grineviciute, Beatrice Heyland, Jack Rafferty, Maya Birrell King, Vanessa Luscevka

### Well done to the children listed below who were Diving Deep this week:

Seahorses – Issac Luzieto  
Turtles – Isobel Hart  
Starfish – Benjamin De Serra  
Angel Fish – Rose Maza  
Seals – Vanessa Luscevka  
Dolphins – Jake Nyugen  
Manta Rays – Caleb Mcrae  
Blue Whales – Rudy Winstanley  
Orcas – Ariyana Rodrigues

Certificates will be given out in  
Monday's Assembly

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Mrs Hughes, Headteacher