



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2020 Issue 7

Friday 13th November 2020

Dates for your diary

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November -

Anti-bullying Week

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 18th November – Individual Photographs

Thursday 19th November – Year 2 Scooter Training (2T)

Fri 20th November MUFTI - Festive Cheer – Wear clothes to shout about. Choose a costume, colour or outfit that makes you happy

Thursday 26th November – Year 2 Scooter Training (2D)

Thursday 26th November MUFTI - Crazy Christmas Hair

Friday 27th November - INSET Day school closed

Friday 4th December MUFTI - The Night Before Christmas – Dressing Gowns and Pyjamas to school

Friday 11th December MUFTI - Christmas Jumper

Friday 18th December MUFTI - It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas – Christmas Fancy Dress

Friday 18th December – Last day of term

Monday 22nd December – Friday 1st January Christmas Holidays

Maths Week

As you will know from our outstanding results, Maths plays an important part in our curriculum every week at St Mary Magdalen's. However, this week was a great opportunity to put the subject in the spotlight and for the children to enjoy a range of fun mathematical activities.

The mathematical outfits we saw today were a wonderful way to end the week, from timestable rock stars to rulers, die, stars, calculators and clocks.

It has also provided some wonderful displays for us all to enjoy in our school hall. A big thank you to all the teachers for their hard work and especially our Maths Lead, Miss Tootill.

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy but enjoyable week in school, and Wednesday saw us all participating in one of our annual traditions as Year 6 led our Remembrance Service.

Whilst we were not able to watch in person, I am sure that I was not the only person with a tear in their eye as I watched our pupils pay tribute to those who have laid down their lives for our freedom. The Year 6 children were truly phenomenal and I was particularly struck by their maturity and sensitivity.

I am very grateful to them, their teachers and to Mrs Gordon and Mrs Brennan, who went above and beyond in terms of writing, recording and editing the service so that all of our school community could participate.

It is at times like this that I am so proud of how we continue to thrive despite all the restrictions that are placed upon us.

Christmas Fair

Normally, at this time of year we have mufti days to collect items for our Christmas Fair. We are excited to announce that our Fair will be going online this year (more details to follow), so the PTA are instead asking for a £10 donation (£2 per mufti) that you can make on SCOPay, or into buckets on the day. The SCOPay payment is one payment of £10 as we are charged for every transaction and this will hopefully make it quicker and easier.

To add a sense of fun and get us all in the Christmas spirit a little bit earlier this year, there will be an optional Christmas theme. Please do not worry if your child does not want to take part in the theme, they are welcome to come in their own clothes instead.



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Mufti dates for your diary:

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Please be aware that PE lessons will still be taking place on a Friday for some classes.

Anti-Bullying Week – 16th November

This week is an opportunity to reiterate the values of kindness, empathy and tolerance that are at the heart of all that we do. It is also a chance to discuss the difference between bullying and the occasional fallings out and misunderstandings we all often have.

As part of this week, we will be talking to the children about celebrating our differences and on Monday, they are welcome to come to school in odd socks – a fun reminder that we all have similarities and differences and this is what makes us special. We will also be discussing these ideas in our PSHE lessons this term.

Worple Street

Unfortunately, we have received another complaint regarding parents driving down Worple Street at pick up and drop off. Whilst we understand that it is difficult for parents who come for further afield, the matter may soon be out of the school's hands.

The frequency and strength of local residents' complaints means that they are now speaking directly to the local council regarding introducing permits and possible traffic restrictions to Worple Street at pick up and drop off times.

As the our requests to park nearby and walk have been persistently ignored by a small

number of parents, the school has no other choice but to support these measures going forward. This would be in line with the measures other Richmond schools have taken, many of whom have a zero drive policy. It also reflects our Eco ambitions for pupils to arrive on foot, bike or scooter rather than by car.

Cycle Schools

If you are thinking of swapping your car for a bike, there are now free online Cycle Skills courses available to help you travel confidently and safely. TfL offer a free online course for both experienced and new cyclists. The Cycle Skills course covers everything from getting your bike set up for your first ride to tips for cycling safely in London. Of particular interest is the 'Cycling with Children' module, which is great for teachers and parents looking for active travel options for the school run.

The courses can be found at

https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/roads_and_transport/road_safety/cycling_training/online_cycle_skills_course .

TfL has partnered with Halfords and anyone who completes these modules receives a 15% discount code to use on Halfords own-brand cycle lights, locks and helmets.

Year 6 References

We are always keen to support our families with Secondary school applications. Last year, the school asked for a £35 donation per child for the teacher references independent schools request. If your child is applying to one, or several private schools, you are now able to make this donation via SCOPay. In future, this information will be included in the Secondary Transfer Meeting.

Photographs – Wednesday 18th November

We will be having individual photographs this coming Wednesday. Unfortunately, the staggered timetable means that we do not have time to photograph family groups this



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term. Hopefully, restrictions will ease and we will be able to have family group photographs later in the year.

Barnes Music Festival

The festival was a celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's voyage to the New World with a selection of songs about travel and the sea.

We are incredibly proud of our five Year 6 pupils who took part in the Festival. We had three talented musicians: Eimear Kenny, Alexia Boghossian and Leon Podolak-Perry, who performed beautiful solos.

The festival also included a speech written by our own Jena Carlton, which she performed with her brother Evan. This was made extra special as the twins are able to trace their ancestry back eight generations to a baby born on the Mayflower itself!

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hughes,
Headteacher



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

Seahorses – Charlie Farrant
 Turtles – Evie Addington
 Starfish – Riley Monk
 Angel Fish – Joshi Szymala, Louis Parletti and Antonio Stephenson
 Seals – Beatrice Heyland and Georgie Murray
 Dolphins – Chloe Grindal
 Manta Rays – Matilda Barton and Tito Araujo Filardi
 Blue Whales – Brendan Nguyen
 Orcas – Ellie Grech

Certificates will be given out in Monday's Assembly



Headteacher's Awards for Exceptional Work

All the children in our school are stars. Well done to those who shone very brightly this week:

Year 1 – Turtles - Arthur Heyland, Celina Gorny, Hailie Doci

Year 2 – Starfish - Lorenzo Bonna

Year 2 – Angel Fish - Amelia Wilkes, Eric Rodrigues, Joshi Szymala, Nyah Christopher

Year 3 – Seals - Sam Hughes, Vakaris Narkevicius, Charlotte Doherty

Year 4 – Dolphins - Frieda Amechi

Year 5 – Mata Rays - Ben Wiggins, Georgina Grech, Viktoriya Hromyak, and Zoe Adamson who achieved a distinction in her violin exam!

Year 6 – Orcas - Giovanni Braga