

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Well done to everyone for taking part in the wonderful well-being activities that have been part of Children's Mental Health week. I was amazed to hear the children talk so eloquently about their feelings and the strategies that they can use to support themselves and others. They are a wonderful example to us all. However, I am aware that everyone in our community will be feeling tired as we approach the February half term. It has been a huge collective effort by pupils, parents and staff to maintain such a high standard of home learning. I cannot thank you enough.

As energy levels dip, to help keep the children engaged and on task next week, we will be trialling cameras being on in all lessons. This is optional and if you do not wish your child to have their camera on then please inform their class teacher. As there are so many demands on your time I am wary to suggest more resources, but if you fancy some time away from a screen getting in touch with nature, Mrs Lally has found some wonderful activities courtesy of the RHS campaign for school gardening

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Resources/Find-a-resource?so=0&pi=0&ps=10&f=1,1:&page=1>

Our PTA continues to be hard at work behind the scenes raising money for the school and most importantly bolstering our sense of community. Many of you will have seen the message about our School Lottery; this is a great way for us to fundraise. Tickets cost £1 per week and there is a guaranteed cash winner for a parent at our school every week, as well as the chance to win a £25,000 jackpot. The lottery can also be played by extended family and members of the local community who would like to help raise vital funds for the school. Please visit and buy your tickets now!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-mary-magdalens-roman-catholic-primary-school>

As we haven't been able to enjoy any of our usual social events this year, the PTA have once again got creative and I can now reveal the first virtual parent event of 2021 - a Wine Tasting evening on 11th March. An expert sommelier will lead the evening, and you will have the chance to sample six different wines, which will be delivered straight to your door. Exact timings and pricings are to be announced soon, so please keep the date free. We hope you will join us!

I hope you and your children have a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Hughes
Headteacher

