



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2021 Issue 3

Dates for your diary

Friday 26th March – Mufti Day to raise money for Easter Fair prizes
WC 29th March – Holy Week – Way of the Cross to be shared online
Monday 29th March – Deadline for Easter Crafts
1st April – 16th April – Easter Holiday
Friday 16th April – National Primary Offer Day
Monday 19th April – Start of summer term
Tuesday 20th April – World Book Day Event
Tuesday 27th April – Parents' Evening
Thursday 29th April – Parents' Evening
Friday 30th April – INSET Day
Friday 28th May – INSET Day
31st May – 4th June – Half Term
Saturday 12th June – First Holy Communion
WC Monday 7th June – Arts' Week
WC Monday 14th June – Science Week
Saturday 26th June – Summer Fair tbc
WC Monday 28th June – Locality Sports Events tbc
Friday 2nd July – Sports Day tbc
WC Monday 5th July – Locality Sports Events tbc
Friday 9th July – Reports out
Wednesday 14th July – Production tbc
Thursday 15th July – Production tbc
Tuesday 20th July – Optional meeting re reports
Thursday 22nd July – Optional meeting re reports
Friday 23rd July – Leavers' Mass
Monday 26th July – Tuesday 31st August - Summer Holiday
Wednesday 1st September – INSET Day

Parents' Evening

Thank you for all your support with the return to school. We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you at Parents' Evenings in the week commencing Monday 26th April. Booking for these phone calls will go live at 5pm on Monday.

Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have been living with COVID 19 and the associated restrictions for over a year now. I am sure many of you took a moment on Tuesday to reflect on this period of time and to think and pray for those who have lost loved ones and for the frontline workers who have sacrificed so much for our community and our country.

It has been a truly unique time for our children, our school and our wider community and I am, as always, grateful for all your support and understanding.

Next week will be Holy Week and we will be reflecting on the Easter message with the children with a particular focus on love and hope something I am sure you will all agree this is more needed now more than ever.

Way of the Cross

Our Year 6 pupils have been hard at work preparing the Way of the Cross. This thoughtful and reverent depiction of the Easter story never fails to convey the importance of Easter and I look forward to sharing their hard work with you next week.

A huge thank you to the Year 6 team and particularly Mrs Brenan who wrote, rehearsed, filmed and edited the performance. I am incredibly grateful for their hard work as it is only because of this that we are able to come together, even if it is in a virtual sense.

Easter Fair

Thank you to everyone who donated £2 today for our mufti day to help us to fund the prizes for our Easter Fair competitions.

All the children will enjoy some fun activities on Tuesday 30th March and then those who have paid to enter the competitions will be eligible to receive a prize. You still have time to take part by visiting our fair at:

patchworkit.com/37469/Easter



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A huge thank you to the PTA team for all their efforts.

Easter Crafts

Just a reminder that as part of the Fair, we are also asking the children to create either an Easter wreath, bonnet or tree and the winners will be awarded an exciting prize. Please bring your craft into school no later than Monday 29th March. We already have some fantastic entries so well done to all those who have taken part.

Summer Fair

Please do let us know your thoughts on our school's summer fair by completing this short survey:

<https://forms.gle/TmV5NSsJh2SC1xfi9>

We currently only have 52 responses which makes it hard to ascertain the level of interest within the school community. Thank you in advance for your time.

PTA Lottery

Another lucky winner to announce this week. Congratulations to Sinead Freeman, the lucky winner of our lottery who kindly donated her winnings to the school! Thank you to all who took part. Remember you've got to be in it to win it so go to

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-mary-magdalen-roman-catholic-primary-school> to buy your £1 tickets.

Lent – Easter Gardens

Normally, during Lent, we would invite families to create Easter gardens for the school. However, I am conscious that many families may not have the time or resources to do this this year.

If you would like to send in an Easter Garden on the last day of term for the children to see during the end of term assemblies we would love to see them and these are a wonderful way to help the children to engage with the Easter story.

Some wonderful resources to share with your children during this special season can also be found at this website:

<http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/easter-season-resources.html>

Practicalities

On a practical note, thank you to everyone for continuing to follow the one way system, wear masks and minimise contacts. Hopefully it will not be for much longer!

As we have been operating a one way system, and due to the narrow alleyway leading to the school entrance, this year we have allowed dogs onto the school site. Whilst I am very keen to meet these most recent additions to your families I have been reminded that some people are frightened of dogs and that they could pose a risk to our children. I would ask therefore for you to only bring dogs to school when it cannot be avoided and for dogs and children to remain under close supervision in order to avoid any incidents!

Easter Holidays

As the Easter holidays are fast approaching do remember that a wide range of activities are available free of charge for pupils in receipt of the pupil premium grant. More information about the activities can be found at:

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/fuel-holiday-activities-and-food-programme/fuel-easter-programme-2021>

Do let the school know if you require any further information.

Brite Box

A number of our families already receive a weekly Brite Box. Brite Box is a collaboration between Voice of Hope Charity, AFC and other partners. The scheme has been running through the pandemic to assist families with food and provide a fun activity they can do together. If you would be interested in getting a weekly box with ingredients and recipe for a family of up to 5 to make together as well as a monthly baking box please contact the school office.



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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 – Ava Terry, Cara Weldon, Elena Ogura, Evie Addington, Freddie Ennis, Hailie Doci, J-P Dowell, Oriama Chamula, Patrick Dolan-Bent

Year 2D – Starfish – Sofia Farrant

Year 2T – Angel Fish – Eric Rodrigues, Evelyn Dolan

Year 3 – Seals - Aiste Grineviciute, Elias Carter, Elodie Myburgh, Mariana Goncalves, Vanessa Luscevska,

Year 4 – Dolphins - Angus Aitchison, Benny Smithson, Floyd Mwemeke, Gabriel Jordao, Matilda Pellegrini, Sophie Gardener, Zosia Gorny, Jake Nguyen, Daniel Hart

Year 5 – Manta Rays – Zoe Adamson

Year 6 – Blue Whales – Jack Smith, Rudy Winstanley



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



Seahorses – Benecio Franco Dorneles

Turtles – Alexia Mummery

Starfish – Chloe Te Brake

Angel Fish – Rauri Devine

Seals – Aister Grineviciute

and Caio Franco Dorneles

Dolphins – Zosia Gorny

Manta Rays – Eden Grabski-Bruce,

Laura Mosiadz, Ria Tusiime,

Blue Whales – Aariz Akinwale

Orcas – Alex Doody

Certificates will be given out in
Monday's Assembly

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Mrs Hughes,
Headteacher