



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**Summer Term 2021 Issue 1**

### Dates for your diary

**WC Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - Parents' Evening

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April** –INSET Day

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** – INSET Day

**31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Half Term

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – First Holy

Communions

**WC Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Arts' Week

**WC Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Science Week

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6

Residential Trip to Dorset

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Year

5 Trip to Sayers Croft

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Summer Fair

**WC Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Locality Sports

Events tbc

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Sports Day

**WC Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Locality Sports

Events tbc

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports out

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Production

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Borough Sports

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Production

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Optional meeting re

reports

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Optional meeting re

reports

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – Leavers' Mass

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August** -

Summer Holiday

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September** – INSET Day

### **Parents' Evening**

As you will know our parents' evenings are taking place next week. We look forward to talking to you about your children and the progress they have made. The teachers will endeavour to keep to the ten minute time slots in order to avoid delays thank you in advance for helping them with this and thank you for your patience should there be any hold ups.

If you have not already booked an appointment or if your contact information has changed please let the office know asap.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week after what felt like a long Easter break.

I am sure we are all grateful that the restrictions we have been living under are easing I am very grateful to pupils, parents and staff for continuing to follow the measures that have been put in place to stop the spread of the virus.

Whilst some of the guidance relating to schools has eased, it still remains that case that any positive cases will result in all close contacts having to isolate for 10 days so we have to remain vigilant.

This term we will be focussing on the children's well-being and learning behaviours in order to make sure that they are happy and settled in school and that they can make the best possible progress.

With this in mind we will be reinforcing our high expectations in terms of behaviour and I am grateful for your ongoing support with this.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Regular attendance is vital in terms of social, emotional and academic development. This is something we have always prided ourselves on as a school and we have an attendance target for all pupils of 97%.

I am hopeful that the better weather and the additional hand washing and cleaning we have in place will mean that all children have outstanding attendance this term. Whilst we would never want children to come to school when they are unwell I know that you will think carefully about keeping children at home especially given the amount of time in school they have already missed.



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I would also ask you to try and make sure that your child arrives to school promptly.

For children in Reception to Year 2 this means by 8.50am and for children in Years 3-6 this is by 9am at the latest. This term we will be recording lateness as it is disruptive not only for the pupils who are late but also for the other children in the class.

### Uniform

All pupils should now be in their summer uniform which is:

Boys:

School Polo Shirt  
Grey Trouser or Shorts  
V Necked School Jumper (Not the PE Sweater)  
Smart Black Shoes  
School Cap  
No Shirts or Ties

Girls:

Red and White Striped (not checked) Dress  
School Cardigan or V Necked Jumper (Not the PE Sweater)  
Smart Black, Red or White Shoes  
School Cap  
No Shirts or Ties

Year 6 girls are allowed to wear skirts and polo shirts with school cardigans or jumpers.

Our uniform is a wonderful way to unify us as a community. Please do make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform, including shoes, and that they only wear PE kit on days when they have PE.

Uniform can be easily purchased from the school thanks to Mrs Parletti and Mrs Carlton and most items we do not sell are easily available online or in shops and supermarkets. If your finances mean you are unable to purchase uniform please let us know and we will be able to support you and your child.

### Toys and Snacks

As children make the transition back to school we continue to operate a staggered timetable which means a very long morning for our older children. If you are providing your child with a snack please remember we are trying to encourage a healthy balanced diet and do not want crisps, sweets or chocolate sent in as snacks or in packed lunches.

I would also ask that children do not bring in toys from home, including key rings attached to their bags. Items have gone missing and this is distressing for the children as well as taking time away from their learning.

### After School Club

As you may know Mortlake Hall has provided our pupils with after school care for many years. They have endeavoured to keep this provision going despite the pandemic and have made adaptations whenever they could.

However, during the Easter holiday they made the decision that the number of children currently attending at the prices they have been charging meant that the club was no longer financially viable.

The school has put in place provision for families requiring wrap around care for this week and next. However, we are also running at a loss and so we are looking into alternative options and will be contacting parents next week with some alternatives.

Thank you in advance for your patience and for your input.

### Residential Trips

You may know that residential trips will be possible from 17<sup>th</sup> May. Despite numerous cancellations and rescheduling we have been able to book residential trips for our Year 5 and 6 pupils in the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> June.



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Letters about the trips including the cost will be sent out next week.

These trips are always a wonderful opportunity for our children and we hope that we will also be able to offer some trips this term for pupils in other year groups.

### World Book Day

We had a fantastic time on Tuesday when we finally had a chance to celebrate World Book Day together as a school. We had some fantastic costumes, some of which you can see at the end of the newsletter, and it was wonderful to listen to our children talk about their favourite books and their enjoyment of reading.

As part of the celebrations the children have been reading the book *The Emotional Menagerie*. This text is a fantastic reminder of how reading can help us to understand, talk about and manage our emotions and a great example of the benefits to our well-being of a good book.

### PTA Lottery

Don't forget it is never too late to take part in our PTA Lottery. It is just £1 per ticket and these can be purchased at:

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

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Mrs Hughes,  
Headteacher




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

Seahorses – Yunzhi Wang  
Turtles – J-P Dowell  
Starfish – Abraham De La Camara  
Angel Fish – Rafaele Vernazza  
Seals – Elodie Myburgh and Grayson Oliver-Harrocks  
Dolphins – Daniel Hart  
Manta Rays – Annabella Nemeth  
Blue Whales – Daragh Brown  
Orcas – Tom Harrison

**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, Antonio Izcara Jimenez, Arthur Heyland, Clementine Robertson, Elena Ogura, Grace Fox, Isobel Hart, Lucie Adamson, Mason Armitage, Oriana Chamula, Penelop Lelliott

**Year 3 – Seals** - Beatrice Heyland, Eva Hughes, Sam Hughes, Vanessa Luscevska

**Year 4 – Dolphins** - Amelia Stanger, Joshua Couch, Marcel Scahb, Matilda Pelligrini, Oliver Gardener

**Year 5 – Manta Rays** – Ben Wiggins, Caleb Mcrae, Cruz Bennett

**Year 6 – Blue Whales** – Jack Smith



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