



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2021 Issue 2

Dates for your diary

Friday 30th April –INSET Day

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday

Friday 7th May MUFTI - Nearly-new toys - volunteers from Y2T and PTA

Wednesday 12th May – Year 6 Choir Performance at 2.45pm

Thursday 13th May – Year 6 Chimes Performance at 3.10pm

Friday 14th May MUFTI - Cuddly toys - volunteers from Y2D and PTA

Friday 21st May MUFTI - Nearly-new gifts - volunteers from Y6D and Y6F and PTA

Thursday 27th May MUFTI - Nearly-new gifts - volunteers from Reception, Y1 and PTA

Friday 28th May – INSET Day

31st May – 4th June – Half Term

WC Monday 7th June – Arts' Week

Friday 11th June MUFTI - Bottles - volunteers from Y5 and PTA

Saturday 12th June – First Holy Communions

WC Monday 14th June – Science Week

Monday 14th – Friday 18th June – Year 6 Residential Trip to Dorset

Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th June – Year 5 Trip to Sayers Croft

Friday 18th June MUFTI - Books - volunteers from Y3 and PTA

Friday 25th June MUFTI - Home produce - cakes/biscuits/jams - volunteers from Y4 and PTA

Saturday 26th June – Summer Fair

WC Monday 28th June – Locality Sports Events tbc

Friday 2nd July – Sports Day

WC Monday 5th July – Locality Sports Events tbc

Friday 9th July – Reports out

Tuesday 13th July - Production

Wednesday 14th July – Borough Sports

Thursday 15th July – Production

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

Friday 30th April

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending parents' evenings this week. It was wonderful for the teachers to be able to talk to you about your children and the progress they are making.

The positive feedback I have received from parents and teachers is a real testament to the strength of the home school partnerships we have at St Mary Magdalen's.

RE INSET

Today staff took part in the Richmond Catholic School's RE INSET Day. As we prepare to celebrate Our Lady during the month of May it was an opportunity for us to think about Mary's importance to our faith and what we can learn from the example she sets.

After such a difficult year for so many, in our community it was wonderful for us to reflect on the power of prayer and the positive impact this can have on us all. Teachers will be talking to the children about what they have learnt next week in school.

All the children will receive a Marian pack which will allow them to pray the Rosary at home with you if you would like to. We will also use this opportunity to discuss the different special prayers and figures that are important to our pupils who are not Catholic.

Summer Fair Mufti Days

All being well our summer fair will go ahead on Saturday 26th June. Yesterday we had a mufti day (where children can wear home clothes) to raise money to purchase supplies for the fair. Please see the dates opposite for a number of upcoming mufti days to help us collect the donations we need for our class stalls.

Thank you to Gemma O'Reilly who has had the immense task of coordinating all our



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fantastic volunteers and thank you in advance for your support.

Mindfulness Minutes

Mrs O'Gorman and our Eco-Committee have been hard at work encouraging our pupils to participate and in Eco-Schools England's initiative to achieve one million minutes of mindfulness in schools and at home.

The Mindfulness Minutes eco-project is aimed at helping children, families and staff find the valuable time they need in their busy lives to integrate better mental health and well-being practice.

Over the next four weeks our pupils will take part in a series of mindfulness actions across the whole school. Our pupils will be shown how to promote and record mindfulness practice in their classes, assemblies, during lunch time and even whilst travelling to and from school.

If you would like to find out more and join in at home and at home guide can be found at: <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/eco-projects/mindfulnessminutes/>

PSHE and RSE

Our Personal, Social, Health and Economic curriculum along with our Relationship and Sex Education lessons are another vital part of supporting our pupils' development and ensuring their long-term happiness.

We have sent a more detailed letter relating to this today which I hope you will find useful. It provides an overview of what these lessons cover and how they aim to support our children's well-being.

Music Performances

It has been fantastic to see the inventive ways that Mrs Carlton has kept the music alive at our school throughout COVID. As restrictions have eased we have been able to offer the children more and more of the rich musical experiences they are used to and we are hopeful we will soon be back to

normal and able to enjoy our Year 6 production.

In the meantime, Mrs Carlton continues to work with children in their bubbles and I am delighted to announce 2 up and coming outdoor performances. Our Year 6 chimes group will be playing at 3.10pm on Thursday 13th May in the playground and our Year 6 choir will be putting on a special performance for their parents on Wednesday 12th May at 2.45pm. Please do remember to wear a mask and socially distance at these events.

School Council

Our school council, led by our Head and Deputy Head Pupils met this week to discuss some of the changes they would like to bring about in our school. Our school council members then shared these initiatives with their classes and the children voted on the proposals.

It is always wonderful to see our pupils take on leadership roles within our school and for all our pupils to have a chance to see democracy in action and how they can affect change.

I look forward to our council leaders reporting back to you in next week's newsletter.

Jewellery

Last week I wrote to you about the importance of our school uniform. Thank you so much to everyone who has made sure their child is wearing the correct uniform.

It was wonderful to see the children looking so smart for their class photographs on Wednesday and seeing the pride they took in their uniform.

Please remember that children should not be wearing jewellery to school. Necklaces, bracelets, rings and earrings all create an additional risk for our children, especially at playtime and during sports lessons.



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Whilst a few children at our school wear jewellery that is of a specific religious significance the only jewellery that most of our pupils should wear are small stud earrings – no large earrings or hoops please.

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-magdalen-roman-catholic-primary-school>

I hope you have a wonderful bank holiday weekend with your children.

Mrs Hughes,
Headteacher

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 – Juliet Millard

Year 2 - Angel Fish - Sienna Campbell

Year 6 – Orcas – Natalia Staszewska

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

Seahorses – James Nielson
Turtles – Lucie Adamson
Starfish – Danny Harrington
Angel Fish – Magda Wood
Seals – Angelica Perry Pecikoza
Dolphins – Lottie Watson
Manta Rays – Cruz Bennett
Blue Whales – Devora Yohannes
Orcas – Pheobe Perry Pecikoza