



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**Summer Term 2021 Issue 3**

### Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 Choir Performance at 2.45pm

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 Chimes Performance at 3.10pm

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May MUFTI** - Cuddly toys - volunteers from Y2D and PTA

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May MUFTI** - Nearly-new gifts - volunteers from Y6D and Y6F and PTA

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May MUFTI** - Nearly-new gifts - volunteers from Reception, Y1 and PTA

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

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

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

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June MUFTI** - Bottles - volunteers from Y5 and PTA

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

**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

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June MUFTI** - Books - volunteers from Y3 and PTA

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

**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 reports

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

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend with your children.

Thank you to everyone who donated nearly new toys for our summer fair and to our wonderful PTA helpers who organised and stored all the donations. Next week, we will be asking you to dig out a cuddly toy to donate so take a look at home for a suitable candidate!

Don't forget to we are also looking for a design for the front cover of the summer fair brochure. Please hand in your masterpieces to Mrs Cunningham in the office by 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Online Safety**

We are so proud of the independent and thoughtful nature of our pupils. Our children have been making thoroughly good use of the chromebooks that our PTA generously funded and I was very impressed this week that children have been talking to me and their parents about staying safe online.

This year, more than ever, so much of our lives have been online. Even our youngest children show a remarkable aptitude for using technology and so it is vital that we continue to talk to our children about how to stay safe online both at home and at school.

This includes recognising inappropriate content and having the confidence to talk to an adult you trust if you are worried about something you have seen or heard.

We will continue to teach the children about staying safe on and off line and great resources for parents have been provided by the NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

### **Charities**

We have been very fortunate this year to work with a number of charities. As you may



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remember, we partnered with the Trussel Trust at Christmas time to provide food parcels for members of our Parish and the wider community. We have also been working with Regenerate, Brite Box and The Richmond Furniture Scheme to help and support families at our school.

These charities do fantastic work and are staffed almost entirely by volunteers. I am aware that many people are facing financial hardship and pressures on their time but if you would like to contribute your time or resources or if you think they might be able to help you then the links below provide more information about these wonderful organisations.

<https://www.regenerateuk.co.uk/the-roehampton-community-box/>

[https://www.voh.org.uk/brite\\_box.html](https://www.voh.org.uk/brite_box.html)

<https://www.rfsonline.co.uk/>

### **Music Performances**

Just a reminder that next week our Year 6 choir and chimes groups will be performing for their parents in the playground.

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 12<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm. Please do remember to wear a mask and socially distance at these events.

### **School Council**

**by Eimear Kenny and Stephanie Akpabio-Klementowska (Head Girls)**

Over the last few weeks, we gathered ideas about things we thought would improve our school: girls to wear trousers and shorts as part of the school uniform, mirrors in the boys' bathroom, more flora to improve the school environment and monthly mufti-days.

Our ideas were presented to the school council so that they could talk to their classes. Every class voted for the ideas that

they wanted to happen and all our ideas were approved.

We are now thinking about what we will need to do to put these plans into action. If you take a look below Mrs Hughes has written about an exciting change to the girls' school uniform

### **Uniform**

As you can see from our Head Pupils' report, a lot was accomplished at our school council meetings last week.

The thoughtful way the children discussed the different proposals and shared them with their classes was wonderful to see. They could certainly teach our professional politicians a thing or two!

As a result, we will change our school uniform so that the girls' uniform also includes trousers and shorts. I am sure we will see this change in action very soon and I hope it is a sign of the importance of equality in our school which our school council members spoke about so passionately.

I am also aware that girls in Years 5 and 6 may find it hard to find our red striped dress in a large enough size to be comfortable. Year 6 girls have always been allowed to wear a grey skirt and polo shirt, which is similar to the secondary school uniform many of them will wear. I think it makes sense for Year 5 girls to also wear this uniform if the school summer dress is no longer appropriate.

### **Secondary School Applications 2021/22**

Time does seem to be flying by and it was recently brought to my attention that some secondary schools are holding open days in the summer term. If your child is in Year 5, you may want to start taking a look at the websites of schools you are interested in and seeing when their open days are.

Many will be in the autumn term but there are also excellent online tours and



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information videos that will give you a good feel for the school. As the deadline for applications is the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, it is worth taking a look now so that you have plenty of time to make the decision and get any of the necessary paperwork completed. This is often quite extensive for Catholic secondary schools.

There will be an information evening for parents in the autumn term but do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

### 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.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-mary-magdalen-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 – Nawal Dali  
Turtles – Oriana Chamula  
Starfish – Rosa Amechi  
Angel Fish – Morena Kodra  
Seals – Bertie Grech  
Dolphins – Dolly Beard  
Manta Rays – Thalia Wadie  
Blue Whales – Felipe Bonamin  
Orcas – Liam Willoughby



**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** – Evie Addington, Mason Armitage  
**Year 3 – Seals** - Caio Franco Domeles, Charlotte Doherty, Harriet Fox, Luca Braga, Riley Farrell, Sam Hughes  
**Year 4 – Dolphins** – Jakob Symczak, Lottie Watson, Sophie Gardiner, Zosia Gorny  
**Year 6 – Orcas** – Ellie Grech  
**Year 6 – Blue Whales** - Devora Yohannes, Eimear Kenny