



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 2 | 10th September 2021

Thank you to all the parents, pupils and staff for making our first full week back at school such a success. It was wonderful to welcome our Reception children and their parents on Wednesday for their first day at school. This is such a milestone in our children's lives and we are so proud of how brave the children, and their parents, have been. It really is such a privilege to work with you to support and nurture your children and I am always grateful for the trust you place in us as a school and a community.

Dates for your diary

Monday 13th – Friday 17th September – Reception children in until 1pm

Monday 13th September – Parent Information Meetings, 5.30pm

Year 6 <https://meet.google.com/lookup/c5swdc56d6?authuser=0&hs=179>

Year 5 <https://meet.google.com/lookup/bjau64fzdb?authuser=0&hs=179>

Tuesday 14th September – Parent Information Meetings, 5.30pm

Year 4 <https://meet.google.com/lookup/huvmtikrvb?authuser=0&hs=179>

Year 3 <https://meet.google.com/lookup/eai72aajwz?authuser=0&hs=179>

Wednesday 15th September – Parent Information Meetings, 5.30pm

Year 2 <https://meet.google.com/lookup/clymbhlpam?authuser=0&hs=179>

Year 1 <https://meet.google.com/lookup/facdmpz3af?authuser=0&hs=179>

Thursday 16th September - Parent Information Meeting, 5.30pm

Reception <https://meet.google.com/lookup/ckfydcv6i3?authuser=0&hs=179>

Monday 20th September – First Mass of the Year

Monday 20th September – Reception children in full time

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October – Half Term

Monday 1st November – INSET Day (School closed)

Thursday 30th September - Secondary School Information Meeting 7pm - <https://meet.google.com/yob-kuij-jeg>

Parent Teacher Meetings

These meetings can be accessed via your child's Google Classroom login by clicking the link in the banner at the top of the page. Or by clicking the links above. If you are not using your child's account you will have to be let in to the meeting by the teacher. Teachers will be using two devices to support this but please be patient if you are not admitted immediately as they will also be presenting. The meetings will start at 5.30pm and will be recorded and put into your child's Google Classroom for you to view if you are unable to attend.

Staying Safe

This week we received further guidance about what will happen if there are positive cases in our school. As many of you know, children will no longer be asked to isolate if they are identified as close contacts and this includes being able to come to school whilst they await the results of a PCR test. The most comprehensive guidance regarding, when admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk | 0208 876 6679 | <https://www.st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk/>

you need to isolate and for how long can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

PTA

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be Class Reps this year. You do such an amazing job of ensuring everything runs smoothly and it is really appreciated. We have had a number of families join us recently and the communication and sense of community you create is invaluable. If you would like to find out more about the PTA, take on a role, join our committee or just help with an event then please do contact gabriela_dhir@hotmail.com. You can also come along to our Annual General Meeting – date to follow shortly. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent Questionnaire

Your views are important in shaping our school. We have been looking at the responses from the staff and pupil questionnaires and using this to inform our plans for the school. We had only five responses to our parent questionnaire so I am concerned that parents were unable to access the survey or that it was such a busy time that people were unable to respond. If you have a moment the survey can be found at:

<https://forms.gle/g4NKYbHFLdnrU8FYA>

Uniform

Thank you for your patience as we continue to wait for our uniform delivery to arrive. It was wonderful to see so many of you picking up the items you needed secondhand at our sales this week and great for the environment too. You may not know that we are only able to provide uniform on site because of our amazing volunteers Kirsty Parletti and Yolanda Devine. We are incredibly grateful for all their hard work and patience.

Clubs

Clubs will start next week and you have been sent the final list. You can collect your child from the main playground and enter and exit via the main playground gate. Thank you to Mrs Barrett who has worked so hard to organize our amazing extra-curricular offer.

Lunch

The new lunch menu has been sent to you and will be on our website shortly. We look forward to our Reception children joining us for lunch next week.

Mass

I am delighted that we will be celebrating the first Mass of the school year on Monday 20th September. It will be wonderful for us to be able to come together as a whole school (Years 1 -6) for the first time in over 18 months. I am afraid that the limited space within the church means that we cannot invite parents at this time but hopefully this will change soon.

We are looking forward to sharing more information about what your children will be learning this year next week and also celebrating pupils of the week and those who are making an extra-special contribution to our school community. I hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

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