



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 3 | 17th September 2021

Thank you for your participation in our information meetings this week. I am very grateful to the teachers for their hard work and I hope that you found them useful. We are very excited that next week our Reception children will be in school full time and we look forward to them meeting their Year Six buddies who are eager to help and support them as they start their school journey.

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th September – First Mass of the Year

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

Friday 15th October – Harvest Mass

Tuesday 19th October – Parents' Evening I

Thursday 21st October – Flu Immunisation – Reception – Year 6

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Monday 25th – Friday 29th October – Half Term

Monday 1st November – INSET Day (School closed)

Thursday 11th November – Remembrance Service – Led by Year 6

Thursday 2nd December – Advent Liturgy

Wednesday 8th December – Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal – Led by Year 2 – 10am

Thursday 9th December – Nativity Play – Led by Year 2 – 10am

Thursday 16th December – Key Stage 2 Carol Service – Led by Year 4 – 7pm

Friday 17th December – Last Day of Term

Tuesday 4th January – Start of Spring Term

Safety

Keeping our pupils safe is our primary responsibility. This means the security of our site and particularly the school building is very important. Please make sure you sign in at the school office if you are entering the school premises.

Medicines

We have been advised by the local authority that we should only be administering prescribed medications in school. Consequently, we will no longer be able to give your child Calpol or Nurofen even with written or verbal consent. If you wish to come to school during the day you are able to administer these medicines on our site.

PTA Lottery

We are looking forward to our AGM soon – date to follow shortly. In the meantime, don't forget our weekly School Lottery! For those new to the school, there is a guaranteed winner in our weekly school draw, with an added chance of winning up to £25,000 as part of a national draw. The lottery also helps to raise much-needed funds that the

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school can use to provide extra resources for the children. Parents, wider family and the local community can all take part by buying tickets from as little as £1 each. Find out more here:

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

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our parent questionnaire. There was so much useful information to help develop our school. It was clear from many of your answers that you would like more information about what your child is learning and how you can help them at home. I know the meetings this week will have been useful and we will also be sending out our termly curriculum letters next week which will give you an overview of what your child is doing. This will be an area for us to focus on this year and we look forward to finding effective ways to communicate with you in order to keep you informed and help you support your child.

Celebrating our children!

We are proud of all the children at our school. There are lots of opportunities on a day to day basis for us to celebrate their success and every week, we also look out for pupils who are doing a particularly good job. They receive a Headteachers' Award for exceptional work and are made Pupil of the Week for exhibiting an outstanding attitude towards themselves, their work and others. We like to celebrate their achievements in our weekly newsletter.

Pupils of the Week

Year 1 – Circus Class – Joe Lynch
Year 2 – Tribe Class – Oriana Chamula
Year 3D – Leap Class – Rose Thistleton
Year 3F – Zeal Class – Magda Wood
Year 4 – Journey Class – Naya Assi
Year 5 – Aurora Class – Caitlin Smith
Year 6 – Parade Class – Kidus Gebre

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Emilia Newbold for a wonderful reflection on our Mission Statement.

Beneio Franco Dorneles, Elina Whitmore and Ramon Sanchez, for fantastic work in mathematics.

Celina Gorny, Freddie Ennis and Mason Armitage for imaginative and funny independent writing.

James Dolan, Lucia Newbold, Evie Couch, Sienna Campbell, Veronica Luzieto, Magda Wood Theia De Serra and Leia Khoudair for working really hard to organise our playground – Thank you!

I wanted to end the newsletter by mentioning the exceptional generosity of one of our pupils, Mariana Goncalves, who recently had a dramatic hair cut in order to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust. What an inspiration!

<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/donate-money>

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher