



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 6 | 8th October 2021

It has been a very busy Friday as we welcomed our first tour of prospective parents for almost two years! It is always a pleasure to welcome people to our school and this was no exception. I am very grateful to Mrs Barrett for organising the morning and to all the staff and pupils who gave our visitors a real flavour of our happy, hard-working school. I am so proud of all the children at our school and our Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies really shone today as they did a fantastic presentation to the parents all about our school. Thank you, Max, Erin, Ben and Alice. We have two more open events coming up so do spread the word and remember you are welcome to come on a tour even if you are an existing parent who would just like to find out a little bit more. Please do contact the school office for more information.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 12th October – Richmond Museum Roman Workshop - Year 4

Thursday 14th October – Seaside Journeys Workshop – Year 1

Friday 15th October – Harvest Mass – 10am

Friday 15th October – Cake Sale – Year 6

Tuesday 19th October – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20th October – Tag Rugby Tournament

Thursday 21st October - The Science Machine Workshop – Year 1

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

Thursday 21st October – Parents' Evening

Friday 22nd October – Autumn Celebration - Mufti Day

Friday 22nd October – Open Morning - 10-11am (Please book a place via the school office)

Friday 22nd October – Cake Sale – Year 5

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October – Half Term

Monday 1st November – INSET Day (School closed)

Wednesday 10th November – Open Afternoon 2-3pm (Please book a place via the school office)

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

Thursday 18th November - Weather & Seasons Workshop – Year 1

Wednesday 24th November – Reception and Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

Thursday 2nd December – Advent Liturgy

Saturday 4th December – Christmas Fair – TBC

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

Harvest Mass

Next week, Year 5 will be leading our whole school Harvest Mass. I am hopeful that parents will be able to attend and I am just waiting to get confirmation from Father Adrian. Mass will be at 10am and there will be spaces for parents to sit in the side aisles. Thank you to everyone who has already left donations for the food and hygiene banks. There is a large black crate in the playground where donations can be left. We will continue to collect donations until the end of term and again before Christmas.

Parents' Evenings

As I mentioned last week our parents' evenings will be remote this term. We will be using SchoolCloud which allows you to have a video call with your child's class teacher on a mobile phone, laptop or tablet. We know that last year there were issues with timings and this system is set up to avoid these problems by having the timings of the meeting visible throughout the appointment. Whilst many of you enjoyed the convenience of having these meetings at home without the need to come out or arrange child care we understand that all our families are different so if you feel that you need a face to face meeting please contact the school office by Monday 11th October. This will allow us to allocate the correct number of appointments online for each class.

Autumn Celebration

We are looking forward to having an Autumn Celebration in school with the children on the last day of the half term. It will be a mufti day which means children can wear their own clothes or a costume. If your child decides to wear a costume please remember that some children, particularly our youngest pupils, will find certain costumes frightening when you are making your selection.

PTA Update

A huge thank you to everybody who attended our PTA meeting on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see parents from across all the year groups, and to be able to welcome you in person for the first time in over 18 months. A separate follow-up message will be sent out next week, but here are a few quick updates in the meantime:

- Committee Roles - Your PTA needs you! Our current Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are standing down, so we need new people take up these roles and join our lovely team. Please contact Claire at claireviolin@gmail.com by Friday 15th October if you are interested or would like more information, or see Gabriela in the playground.
- Cake Sales are back! Each class will take it in turns to run a cake sale after school on a Friday. The Class Reps will soon receive a rota, but the first one will be run by Y6 on Friday 15th October.
- Autumn Celebration - Following on from the success of this event last year, we will be holding it again on the last day before half term (Friday 22nd October). More details to follow, but the children will be invited to wear fancy dress and attend a party during the school day. We will be asking for a small contribution, which will be payable via SCOPAY or in cash on the day.

PTA Lottery

Don't forget our weekly School Lottery! Parents, wider family and the local community can all take part by buying tickets from as little as £1 each. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-mary-magdalens-roman-catholic-primary-school>

Happy News

It is lovely to end the newsletter with lots of exciting news from our school community. This week Mrs Gordon, one of our wonderful support staff, gave birth to a little boy, Gus, mother and baby are both doing well and we have sent our admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk | 0208 876 6679 | <https://www.st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk/>

congratulations to Mrs Gordon and her husband on their new arrival. I also shared the happy news with Year 1 parents that Mrs El Khoury and her family will be welcoming a new addition in February. This means we are looking to recruit a Year 1 class teacher and the advert is currently on eteach:

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs/st-mary-magdalen-s-catholic-primary-school-jobs-18109/worple-street-london-sw14-8he-uk/?oo=ag-lc&pt=51.4685917,-0.26120340000000&dis=5>

Please do pass the details on to anyone you think might be interested in this exciting opportunity to join our very special school community.

Pupils of the Week

Reception – Paddling Class – Charles Gates
Year 1 – Circus Class – Leia Khoudeir
Year 2 – Tribe Class – Linda Kwambi
Year 3D – Leap Class – Filip Kozlowski
Year 3F – Zeal Class – Morena Kodra
Year 4 – Journey Class – Grayson Oliver-Harrocks
Year 5 – Aurora Class – Nathan Legesse
Year 6 – Parade Class – Max Coney

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Abby Black, Daniel Izcara Jimenez, Luke Te Brake, Rosie Harrington, Theia De Serra - for an excellent postcard.

JP Dowell and Penelope Lelliott - for an incredibly informative writing about Oceans.

Year 2 for generating an immense variety of language in response to what they have learnt about Swallows and the book Boundless Sky

Danny Harrington, Evelyn Dolan, Evie Couch, Jack Gallagher, Kairo Nguyen, Magda Wood, Morena Kodra, Nyah Christopher Sofia Tilio and Sofia Farrant for excellent instructions for some very tricky tasks!

Mya Birrell King, Zoe Mangion, Harriet Fox for evocative setting descriptions which recounted the eruption of Vesuvius.