



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Spring 4 | 28th January 2022

It has been good to hear that many restrictions have been lifted this week by the government. However, as you will know, cases amongst primary aged children have been rising and we have received notifications of a number of cases at our school over the last week. This has meant that we have been advised by Public Health England to put in place additional measures until half term in order to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

All clubs, sports matches including squad training (except Year 6 football), swimming lessons and cake sales have been cancelled but NS Sport and breakfast club will remain open as essential services. The Richmond Trust Music lessons will also continue as normal as children take these lessons in their class bubbles and Year 6 will continue football squad training together. We hope that clubs, lessons and cake sales will resume week beginning Tuesday 22nd February 2022 (Monday 21st February is an INSET Day) and we will keep you updated over the next few weeks.

We are incredibly grateful to parents for continuing to be so vigilant and for carrying out Lateral Flow Device testing when their child has been a close contact as this is vital to stop the spread and minimise disruption.

Dates for your diary

Monday 31st January – Individual Support Plan Meetings

Tuesday 1st February – Individual Support Plan Meetings

Thursday 3rd February – Individual Support Plan Meetings

Tuesday 8th February – Parents' Evening – 4-6pm

Thursday 10th February – Parents' Evening – 5-7pm - CHANGE OF DATE

Friday 11th February – Year of the Tiger Mufti Day (non-uniform)

Monday 14th – Friday 18th February – Half Term

Monday 21st February – INSET – School Closed

Week Commencing Monday 28th February – Online Safety Week

Wednesday 2nd March – Ash Wednesday – Distribution of the Ashes – Years 3-6

Thursday 17th March – Lent Reconciliation Services in school

Thursday 24th March - Cyber Use and Cyber Crime Talk for Parents 5-6.30pm

Thursday 31st March – Way of the Cross led by Year 6

Friday 1st April – School Closes for Easter Holidays **at 1pm**

Monday 3rd – Monday 18th April - Easter Holidays

Tuesday 19th April – Start of Summer Term

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The Year of the Family | Stronger, Kinder, Wiser Together

Parents' Evening

In last week's newsletter we informed you that due to training being cancelled, we are now able to run our Parents' Evenings as usual on **Tuesday 8th February (4-6pm) and Thursday (5-7pm)**. In order to stop the spread of Covid-19 in our community, these meetings will take place virtually as they did in October. We will be using the SchoolCloud system again and we will send you a letter with details about how to make and attend an appointment. Please do check that you are able to access the appointment before your allotted time. Thank you to Mrs Derby for all her hard work organising this.

House Competitions

Last year, feedback from our pupils suggested that they would like more inter house competitions. This year, our NS Sport coach Hassan Davis has been running these competitions in class bubbles each half term, and every Friday, a different class has the opportunity to get into their house teams and play to earn house points. In the autumn term, the children played dodgeball and this term, the children are playing benchball. Since this has started, it has had a real positive effect on the competitiveness and growth on each individual. The games are different to those played in PE to give our children a chance to try something different while using similar skills and realise how sports can link to each other. All points will go towards the final House Point count at Sports Day this year.

The results from last term's Dodgeball tournament are:

Mayne - 33pts

More – 29pts

Campion – 29pts

Fisher – 28pts

Mufti day – Friday 11th February

One of our Shop 'til You Drop businesses have decided to run a mufti day. Are you ready for the most pawsome mufti day of all time? Because everyone at Dash Away Doughnuts sure are! In the spirit of the year of the tiger, our mufti theme is animals so please dress up as your favourite furry friend and bring in a £1 donation - the purrrrrfect amount! Dressing up is optional so please just wear what you like.

Cake Sale Profits

Despite having to cancel cake sales for the next two weeks, 3FC's cake sale last week raised an amazing £215.41 for their class budget. Thank you to all those who organized, ran and contributed towards the sale. We have such a supportive parent body and this money will make a real difference to the children as we buy more resources to support their learning.

Pupils of the Week

Reception – Paddling Class – The Whole Class

Year 1 – Circus Class – Cristiano Gorges

Year 2 – Tribe Class – Antonio Izcara Jimenez

Year 3D – Leap Class – Danny Harrington

Year 3FC – Zeal Class – Rose Maza

Year 4 – Journey Class – Bertie Grech

Year 5 – Aurora Class – Julie Blaskova

Year 6 – Parade Class – Thalia Wadie

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Antonio Izcara Jimenez - for thought-provoking
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Evelyn Dolan – for outstanding improvement in
spelling and handwriting and using ambitious
vocabulary in her writing.

To all those isolating at home we hope you are on the mend and we look forward to welcoming you back as soon as possible. Wishing you all a happy and hopefully healthy weekend,

Catherine Hughes
Headteacher