



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Spring 5 | 4th February 2022

It is wonderful to be able to start the newsletter with some happy news. Mrs El Khoury and her family welcomed her little girl, Yasmin Maria, into the world yesterday morning. I am sure you will join with me in passing on our congratulations and best wishes. We have also been very fortunate to welcome Mrs Delap to the Year 3 team. She has already brought such a bright, positive energy to our school. We are truly blessed to be able to welcome such wonderful new additions to our Mary Mag's family.

Dates for your diary

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

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

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

COVID 19

Whilst there are still active cases within the school, these are gradually declining and we are hopeful that there will be less disruption next half term and for the rest of the year. With so many changes to guidance the local authority has suggested we pass on the following summary to our families:

- Close contacts to do a daily LFT for 7 days, or until 10 days since your last contact with the person who tested positive if this is earlier
- PCR if you have any COVID symptoms
- LFT for regular testing - if positive but no symptoms, no need to have a PCR, just self-isolate

They have also suggested that where regular testing is needed, the easiest way for parents to get hold of tests is to [order LFTs online](#).

Parents' Evening

As you will know, our parents' evenings are next week on Tuesday 8th February (4-6pm) and Thursday 10th February (5-7pm). These are a great opportunity for you to talk about your child's progress with their teacher. If you have not already made an appointment, please contact the school office. We would also

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advise you to check that you are able to access the appointment before your allotted time. This is an option that is given when you sign into the SchoolCloud programme, so please take advantage of this to avoid delays and give us time to resolve any issues you may have before the meetings.

New to English?

At St Mary Magdalen's, we are very lucky to have over 23 languages spoken and many of our children and parents speak two or more languages. We have been fortunate to be joined by Madame Goalen this year, who is helping nurture our children's love of languages during her excellent French lessons.

We are aware that some of our parents may also be interested in developing their language skills, and Learn English at Home (LEAH) have offered to work with us to support this. Learn English at Home (LEAH) are a charity with a 39-year history of supporting adults to learn English, empowering clients to become active participants in their local communities. Our first step is to find out if any of our parents are interested in taking up this opportunity. If you are, please complete the Google form below to register your interest:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/111QiUt5T5gMzilVEtCWwe23fVkyBucBcQf57qQcc4Do/edit>

Mufti day – Friday 11th February

Just a reminder that next Friday we will be running our pawsome mufti day! 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.

Calling all Artists!

Mrs Taroghion Budd has been a great addition to our staff. I know that the children are thoroughly enjoying her art lessons and we have some budding artists in our midst. I was absolutely delighted to hear that Leo in Year 1 has such creative aspirations and I am very grateful to his mummy for letting us know about a fantastic opportunity for our children. The Royal Academy is asking for submissions to their Young Artists' Summer Show. The school has now signed up so parents can find out more and submit their child's work via their website: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

Vacancies

You may have seen that we currently have two vacancies at the school. Sadly, our wonderful school business manager (SBM), Mrs Fernandes is taking up a full-time post at a school closer to her home. We are incredibly grateful for all her hard work and are hoping to recruit a similarly dedicated and professional SBM. We are also hoping to recruit a Learning Support Assistant to join our supportive and enthusiastic staff team. Information about both posts can be found at the links below.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-business-manager-1209546>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/learning-support-assistant--and--school-meals-supervisory-assistant-full-time-1206092>

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Pupils of the Week

Reception – Paddling Class – Evie Hewitt

Year 1 – Circus Class – Olly Brooker

Year 2 – Tribe Class – Cecily Hubbard

Year 3D – Leap Class – John Gates

Year 3FC – Zeal Class – Evie Couch

Year 4 – Journey Class – Mariana Goncalves

Year 5 – Aurora Class – Maia Smith

Year 6 – Parade Class – Viktoriya Hromyak

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Year 4 for some incredible Anglo-Saxon village models and exceptional teamwork!

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 healthy weekend,

Catherine Hughes

Headteacher