



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Spring 6 | 11th February 2022

As a school we are always trying to think of ways to provide our pupils with not only an excellent academic education but one that nurtures them socially, emotionally and spiritually. We are working towards building our own bespoke curriculum that reflects our school's context and the values that permeate all that we do. It is important that this reflects the voices of all of our community, pupils, parents, parishioners and staff and so we would like your help. Please take a few minutes to share the values that you think are important to and distinctive at our school on this Google form: <https://forms.gle/wSQQT7kkzvgM5US7> . Please do ask your children what they think too and we will also look at this with the children in school next half term.

Dates for your diary

Monday 14th – Friday 18th February – Half Term

Monday 21st February – INSET – School Closed

Tuesday 22nd February – Year 4 and Year 6 Workshop

Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th February – Year 5 to Sayer's Croft

Week Commencing Monday 28th February – Online Safety Week

Tuesday 1st, Friday 18th and Thursday 31st March – Year 5 Turner's House Project

Wednesday 2nd March – Ash Wednesday – Distribution of the Ashes – Years 4-6

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

There have been very few cases of COVID-19 within the school this week so I hope you will all have a happy and healthy holiday. After half term, we will resume all clubs and activities, such as whole school assemblies, Year 3 & 4 swimming lessons and matches with other schools, which we have all greatly missed. The current news seems to suggest that many of the remaining restrictions will be lifted in the near future and it would be wonderful to think that our children will not face as much disruption in the second half of this year.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone for taking part in our parents' evenings this week. They are such a valuable opportunity for us to discuss your children's progress and I am grateful to the teachers for their hard work preparing for these meetings.

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

Mufti day – Friday 11th February

Thank you to Ben Wiggins for organising today's mufti day. It was wonderful to see bears, unicorns, dinosaurs and of course plenty of big cats roaming around our school today in the spirit of the year of the tiger. The day raised over £120 and was purrrrrfect way to end the half term.

Idling Workshop

Our Eco Committee are always hard at work taking care of our school environment. After half term, our Year 4 and Year 6 pupils will be taking part in a workshop talking about air pollution and how the children can reduce their own exposure including creating a map with cleaner walking routes to school. The visitors will also talk to anybody idling close to the school – explaining what they're doing and why idling is bad for the children.

INSET Day – Monday 21st February

The school will be closed on Monday 21st February for staff training. As part of our school development plan we are looking closely at mental health and well-being. To support this work, we are working towards the attachment aware schools' award and our staff will be receiving training on attachment theory and emotion coaching which we will be putting into practice to help and support our pupils. If you need child-care on Monday 21st February our after-school care providers, NS Sport, have an all-day club on the school site.

Pupils of the Week

Reception – Paddling Class – Stanley Bailey
Year 1 – Circus Class – Rosie Harrington
Year 2 – Tribe Class – Lucie Adamson
Year 3D – Leap Class – Abraham De La Camara
Year 3FC – Zeal Class – Julio Araujo Filardi
Year 4 – Journey Class – Vanessa Luscevka
Year 5 – Aurora Class – Chloe Grindal
Year 6 – Parade Class – Tito Araujo Filardi

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Zosia Gorny and Emilia Newbold wonderful story board of the Last Bear by Hannah Gold who met with the children on Thursday
Cara Weldon, Oriana Chamula, Freddie Ennis, Arthur Heyland and Andrea Lam for fantastic, independent writing
Lucie Adamson for excellent mathematics
Thalia Wadie for impressive coding skills in computing lessons

Thank you for all your support and understanding over this half term. I hope you have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 22nd February.

Catherine Hughes
Headteacher