



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - Spring 11 | 25th March 2022

It has been wonderful to enjoy the sunshine at school this week. It has been a busy week full of sport events, training and a number of events for parents and carers. Whilst these events mark a further return to normality for many of us we are acutely aware of the struggles people around the world continue to face. As you are aware, the war in Ukraine has touched hearts and minds across the world and Pope Francis is inviting all the faithful to join in an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate heart of Mary today, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, at 4pm (UK time). More information and resources can be found at the link below:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/consecration-immaculate-heart-of-mary/>

## Dates for your diary

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Event – School Spring Clean

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Netball V Holy Trinity

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Secondhand Uniform Sale

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Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Secondhand Uniform Sale

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Way of the Cross led by Year 6, 10am

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Movie Night

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Y5 & Y6 Basketball Tournament

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – School Closes for Easter Holidays at 1pm

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Summer Term

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Great Mary Mag's Bake Off

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – School Closed RE INSET

## Secondhand Uniform Sale

As the sun is shining and we head into the summer term it is time to dust off the summer uniform. Our amazing volunteers Yolanda and Kirsty have got a lot of good quality secondhand summer uniform ready for families to buy on Wednesday and Thursday after school next week. The uniform will be set up in the main playground after school and you are able to take any items you need and make a contribution of your choosing. I am afraid we are only able to take cash.

Our summer uniform is as follows:

- white open necked short sleeved school polo shirt (no tie)
- short/long grey trousers or light grey skirt
- red/white candy stripe dress (not checked)
- red school v neck jumper or cardigan (if needed)
- white or grey socks
- sensible black, red or white shoes – closed toes and heels, not trainers

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- school sunhat
- red/navy hair ribbons/bands.

### **Scooter Training**

Our Year 2 pupils had a great time at scooter training today. It was wonderful to see them learning about how to stay safe and I am sure they are well-equipped to train up their younger brothers and sisters.

### **Football Tournament – Year 2**

The girls showed 100% commitment on a hot day in a very competitive tournament. They drew all the games in their group and had a great time. They were brave Thank you to Hassan for organizing and to our parent helpers for lifts there and back.

### **Netball Match**

This week our Netball team played a home match against Darrell. There were some impressive skills on show and the children managed an amazing 21-3 victory. Well done to the team who continue to train hard and thank you to Hassan Davies and Mrs Barrett for organizing the fixtures. What a fantastic result!

### **Paint and Wine Evening**

On Wednesday night, our school hall was transformed into a studio for budding artists. Thank you to Gemma, Laura, Clare and Kirsty for organizing such a fun evening for staff and parents. It was great to have an event on site and to do something relaxing and creative as a group. A great time was had by all and the icing on the cake were the masterpieces everyone had to take home!



### **Cyber Use and Cyber Crime Talk for Parents**

Thank you to PC Mick our Safer Schools Officer, and Karen Ali from the mental health charity “Mind” for providing this informative talk about online safety. There was a lot of hard-hitting information to absorb but it was wonderful to see so many parents keen to equip themselves with the knowledge and strategies to help keep their children safe and informed. We are so fortunate to have the expertise of PC Mick and Karen and, as a school, we are keen to access any services we can to support parents who may want more specialized advice. This information also forms an integral and regular part of our computing curriculum at an age appropriate level. I know that some parents were unable to attend and a video of the talk can be accessed via the link below. Please be aware that the content of the video is not appropriate for children:

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The additional video mentioned by PC Mick can be found at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsbYHI-rZOE>

### **Devices in School**

In light of the cyber safety talk we have taken the opportunity to remind pupils about how to use devices responsibly and we continue to ask children to leave mobile phones in the office during the school day. We have noticed a few younger children coming to school with watches that can record audio, take photographs and record videos. These devices are not allowed in the school. This is in part because of the distraction they can cause and the potential upset should they be damaged. However, it is primarily because there are serious safeguarding implications associated with any videos, audio or photographs taken on these devices as these would not be taken with informed consent. As safeguarding our children remains our first priority please make sure your child does not bring these watches, or similar devices into school.

### **Way of the Cross**

Our Year 6 pupils will be leading the Way of the Cross on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 10am. This liturgy is always a very moving reminder of the sacrifice and sadness that are part of the Easter story. We look forward to Year 6 parents joining us and would ask you to enter the school by the reception entrance.

### **Class Assemblies**

We are excited to be able to have class assemblies back in our school calendar and we are looking forward to welcoming parents to these celebrations of their children's achievements after drop off on:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3FC

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3D

Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1

Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 2

Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> June - Reception

For class assemblies please enter the school from the main playground.

### **Financial Year-End 2022**

Bookings for breakfast club, clubs, school lunches and trips on SCOPay closed on Monday 21st March 2022 and will re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 11a.m. This is because of the financial year-end. All P.T.A events and school uniform purchases will remain open. Your child can still attend breakfast club we will put the balance on their account for future payment.

### **School Streets**

Due to a delay in the signage, the school streets initiative will now start on 19<sup>th</sup> April. As part of the scheme, it is suggested that the entrance to Worple Street is managed by volunteers from 8.15-9.15am and 2.45-3.45pm, for a couple of months until our families and residents are familiar with the new restrictions. Signage will be erected by the local authority and they will also provide all the equipment, barrier, hi vis jackets etc.

**We are still looking for volunteers to ensure that the initiative is successful.** If you would like to be part of our group of volunteers, or you are willing to take on a leadership role please complete the survey:

<https://forms.gle/ourrpWshs5tQSYWh7>

### Calling all young artists

Just a reminder that the Royal Academy of Arts in London is running a version of their historic Summer Exhibition for children and young people. Once they have made their creation, a parent/carer needs to go to: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> to register their child, give permission and upload a photo of the work. Submissions close on **30th March at 5pm**.

### PTA Events

#### Spring Clean

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help tomorrow. If you find you have some time on the day don't hesitate to pop in, we will be on site 9am-1pm. We look forward to a productive and hopefully sunny day!

#### Movie Night

Rarely has there been a hotter ticket than for our Movie Night next week. The PTA will be screening Encanto on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March along with a hot dog, popcorn and a drink. Pick up is from the main playground at 5.15pm.

#### Summer Fair

Please don't forget to take part in our Summer Fair survey! We are starting to make plans for this year's Fair on 2nd July at the Brewery Field, but we will need a lot of help from outside the PTA. This could be with helping to put together the brochure, sorting through donations, organising entertainment or helping to provide food and drinks, amongst other roles.

Please can you take part in this short survey and let us know what you are able to help us with before **the closing day of Tuesday 29th March**:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf90WDoaWSRaEoMcpzHMxfcl-NwypWXFyhW75fgGle4lPkTlg/viewform>

#### Pupils of the Week

Reception – Paddling Class – Digby Heyland

Year 1 – Circus Class – Henryk Lukasik

Year 2 – Tribe Class – Andrea Lam

Year 3D – Leap Class – James Dolan

Year 3FC – Zeal Class – Alessio Arcari

Year 4 – Journey Class – Riley Farrell

Year 5 – Aurora Class – Joshua Couch

Year 6 – Parade Class

Georgina Grech and Zac Carter

#### Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Finlay Black, Rose Thistleton and Benjamin De Serra and Magda Wood for imaginative, dramatic introductions

Celina Gorny and Freddie Ennis for their wonderful writing

Nyah Christopher and Evie Couch for marvellous mathematics

Felix Young for super spelling

Zoe Mangion, Harriet Fox, Ellie Tusiime, Beatrice Heyland for their historical research

Zion Udobang, Lily Pepper, Abby Black and Leia Khoudeir for fabulous independent writing

Sienna Campbell for her beautiful book.

I look forward to seeing some of you on Saturday and I hope you all enjoy the weekend with your children,  
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