



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 2 | 9th September 2022

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception children to school this week. They have made a fantastic start to their learning journey and we are delighted to welcome them and their families to St Mary Magdalen's. It is a blessing to have such special moments to celebrate as we sadly enter a period of national mourning. During this time, the school will be commemorating the life of Her Majesty the Queen in assemblies and lessons encouraging the children to reflect on her many admirable qualities and what we can learn from her life and service. We understand that the Queen's death and the subject of dying may be particularly upsetting for some children and all activities will be carefully tailored to the age and needs of the children. As always, we will be mindful of each child's personal experiences but do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 12th September – Parent Information Meeting Year 3

Tuesday 13th September – Parent Information Meeting Year 2

Wednesday 14th September – Parent Information Meeting Year 1

Thursday 15th September – Year 5 & 6 Swimming lessons start

Friday 16th September - Parent Information Meeting Reception

Wednesday 21st September – First Mass of the Year – Year 6 to lead 9.30am tbc.

Thursday 29th September – Secondary School Transfer Meeting – Year 5 and 6 Parents Welcome

Friday 30th September – Flu Immunisation

Saturday 8th October - The Great Mary Mags Harvest Hoedown 4-8pm

Week Commencing 10th October – Individual Support Plan Meetings

Tuesday 11th October – Year 6 Parents' Evening

Thursday 13th October – Year 6 Parents' Evening

Friday 14th October – Harvest Mass – Year 5 to lead 9.30am tbc.

Week Commencing 17th October – Year 6 residential trip to France

Tuesday 18th October – Reception - Year 5 Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th October – Reception - Year 5 Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th October – Year 2 Scooter Training

Week Commencing 24th October – Half Term

We are currently finalising as many dates as possible for the forthcoming academic year and will share an overview of dates once we have agreed Masses, celebrations and events with Father Adrian and the PTA.

Parent Information Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has already attended the Parent Information Meetings. The presentations will be in your child's Google Classroom if you were unable to attend. These can be accessed by the links in last week's newsletter. Your child has their own login and password and this will be shared with you if your child

is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. If they are in Year 3 or above and can't remember it, please contact the school office admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk. The remaining meetings will be next week after drop off in the school hall.

Harvest Hoedown

From the team that brought you the best Jubilee Party in the town comes....

The Great Mary Mags Harvest Hoedown Saturday 8th October 4-8pm

Get your boot scootin' dancing shoes and your cowboy hats on for some traditional line dancing, music, activities and games, chilli bar, hot dogs, competitions, a themed raffle plus much, much more!

Get ready for a rootin tootin' event for all the family! YEE HA!!!

Tickets on sale Monday 12th and Friday 16th September, please bring cash as the school benefits from this!

Anyone who needs financial assistance please speak to the office directly in confidence.

Additional Support

We are aware that families are facing growing financial pressures and would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we work with a number of local charities who may be able to offer you help and support. We currently work with a local charity who provide weekly food parcels which contain a few fresh items and a variety of dried and canned food as well as some toiletries and other essentials. Please contact us if you would like to access this service. Any information will be handled with the utmost confidence.

Similarly, if your financial circumstances have changed your child might now be entitled to the pupil premium grant. This applies if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

Children who are or have been in care, and children who have a parent who is or was in the armed forces, are also entitled to pupil premium. More information about whether your child is eligible and what this will mean for them can be found at: https://www.richmond.gov.uk/free_school_meals

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Angelica Pecikoza, Harriet Fox, Eva Hughes for thought-provoking art work

Sofia Tilio for some excellent English work

Ruby Vernazza for working so hard and making exceptional progress in phonics

Kairo Nguyen for challenging himself and working accurately in Maths

William Lines for working with great focus

Amelia Wilkes for her insightful poetry

I hope you have a restful weekend.

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher