



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 3 | 16th September 2022

We had our final Parent Information Meeting this morning and it was lovely to welcome our Reception parents into school. I am very grateful to everyone who has attended and to the staff for all their hard work ensuring that these presentations and the start of the new year have been such a success. Home school partnerships are very important to our school as your support ensures all our pupils excel. To help you help your child, going forward, each class will receive a weekly update in their Google Classroom. This will contain information about what your child has been learning, their homework for the week, a brief note on future learning and a suggestion of a possible enrichment activity where appropriate. Overviews of what your child is learning in each subject will also be saved into their Google Classroom each half term for your reference. This will help you to have a clear picture of what your child is learning and how you can support their progress. Please do ensure that your child has joined their online classroom.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 19th September – Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – all schools closed.

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

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

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

Week Commencing 24th October – Half Term

Volunteers

We are very fortunate to have welcomed volunteers back to school last year. As the children begin to settle into their new classes and routines, we are keen to make use of this invaluable resource. If you have already volunteered and had the safeguarding briefing, a member of staff will be contacting you about coming in to school to help. If you have not yet expressed your interest, please sign up via the Google form below and we will be in touch with arrangements for your safeguarding training.

<https://forms.gle/wPszYRvHasx5wJMdA>

Uniform Sale

The incredibly successful pre-loved uniform sale last week is the perfect example of how much volunteers contribute to our school. Over £100 was raised for the school so thank you to all who donated. A special thanks must go to our wonderful volunteers Kirsty Parletti, Jean Dolan and Yolanda Devine who are already planning another sale so that you can pick up some winter uniform – more details to follow soon.

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Zachary Constantinou and Ada Lynch for fabulous self portraits

Leia Koudeir for a dramatic diary entry

Isaac Luzieto, Elina Whitmore, Ruby Vernazza and Joe Lynch for amazing psalms of praise

Morgan Coughlan for remarkable reasoning in mathematics

Freddie Ennis, Arthur Heyland and Cara Weldon for thoughtful comparisons in their history lessons

William Lines for incredible art work based on Hokusai's Wave

Evie Couch for incredibly insightful writing in role

Sofia Prenga, Rosie Harrington, Tilly Couch and Lily Pepper for

beautiful artworks of their friends and family

Pupil of the week will return next week as the children have been working hard thinking of our theme for this year.

Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II

Our children have shown great insight this week whilst reflecting on the life of Queen Elizabeth. It is a great testament to her legacy that our children have learnt so much about service, compassion, resilience and dignity. I am sure many of you will be marking Monday's state funeral with your children and that your thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family at this time. I am sure that we all join together to pray that God grants Her Majesty eternal peace:

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.

Amen.

I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday,
Catherine Hughes, Headteacher