



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Each year we think of a new theme and our classes are named based on this theme. Last year, we celebrated coming back together with the year of the Family, where we strove to be “Stronger, Kinder and Wiser Together”. We were keen for the children to be involved in this process and this year we had the fabulous suggestion from three of our Year 4 pupils, Lucia, Matilda and Sienna, for the theme to be the seven continents. This theme is particularly appropriate as we work towards ensuring our pupils become, happy, healthy and successful global citizens.

The class names have been allocated so that they also link to our curriculum where possible and the different countries and historical figures the children will be studying:

Reception – Antarctica  
Year One – Australia (Oceania)  
Year Two – Africa  
Year Three – North America  
Year Four – South America  
Year Five – Europe  
Year Six - Asia

As always, our high expectations mean that we will be challenging our pupils to strive for excellence for themselves, for others and for wider world. In the knowledge that by doing so they can, in the words of Mahatma Gandhi, they can, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” In order to reinforce these ideas, we will continue to reward children for exceptional work but also for having outstanding behaviours and attitudes. This is reflected in the different awards that you see at the end of our newsletter every week which celebrate and nurture all our pupils’ varied talents.

We look forward to talking to you in detail about the priorities for the year ahead and giving you a chance to visit the school on our open morning, after half term, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November after drop off.

## Dates for your diaries

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** – First Mass of the Year – Year 6 to lead 9.30am

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Secondary School Transfer Meeting – Online 7pm

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** – Flu Immunisation

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – PTA Annual General Meeting 8pm at school

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The Year of Global Citizens – “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” Mahatma Gandhi

**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** – Prospective parents’ open morning 10-11am

**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

### **Parent Teacher Association**

The Class Reps and PTA are an invaluable part of our school not only in terms of fundraising but also because it is vital in building our strong sense of community. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be Class Reps this year. You do such an amazing job of ensuring everything runs smoothly and it is really appreciated. We have had a number of families join us recently and the communication and sense of community you create is invaluable.

We are looking for new members to join our PTA team this year to help organise vital fundraising events for the school. The PTA look forward to welcoming you to their AGM at 8 p.m. on **Tuesday 4th October**. The meeting will be in the school hall, with drinks and nibbles provided, and will only last one hour. At least one Rep from each class is expected to attend, but it would be great to see as many people there as possible - you'll get to learn more about their fundraising, meet new parents and hear about (and suggest) future events.

It's also a great opportunity to find out more about the PTA Committee, who are looking to welcome new people to their lovely team. In particular, we are looking for a new chair and secretary to join the team. If you would like to find out more about the PTA, take on a role, join our committee or just help with an event then please do contact Clare ([cmccalvey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cmccalvey@hotmail.co.uk)) or come along to our AGM. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Secondary School Transfer Meeting**

Next Thursday, 29th September we will be hosting a secondary school transfer information meeting online at 7pm. We will be delivering information provided by the borough regarding the process and will try to answer any questions you have. The meeting will be recorded for those who cannot attend. You can access the meeting via the link below which has been posted in the Year 5 and 6 Google classrooms.

<https://meet.google.com/txq-hbqe-ycm> or dial: (US) +1 401-217-5945 PIN: 892 377 774

**\*\*\* The Great Mary Mags Harvest Hoedown \*\*\***

Subject to availability, tickets will be on sale at drop off on Wednesday 28th Sept and then at drop off and pick up on Friday 30th Sept.

This is the absolute deadline for people to buy tickets. Tickets will not go on SCOPay.

Buy quick to avoid missing out!!!

**Pupils of the Week**

Reception Antarctica – Raina Nguyen

Year 1 Australia - Stanley Bailey

Year 2 Europe – Ruby Vernazza

Year 3 North America – Willow Barros

Year 4 South America – Riley Monk

Year 5 Africa – Mya Birrell King

Year 6 Asia – Nathan Legesse

**Thank you for setting such an excellent example!**

**Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work**

Sam Hughes for his exceptional attitude towards his work and others

Mila, Rosemary, Raina and Ava for completing independent challenges in Reception

Eva Hughes for exemplary attention to detail

Harriet Fox for exceptional homework

Leia Khoudeir for great work on the treasures of our wonderful world

Abby Black and Luke Booth for fantastic writing and amazing acting!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Catherine Hughes

Headteacher