



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 6 | 7th October 2022

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA annual general meeting this week. I know that the PTA are looking forward to sending out their own newsletter in the next few weeks packed full of the exciting plans they have for the year ahead. It is a great privilege to have such a supportive school community who do so much to help us enrich our children's time at school. Thank you in advance to everyone for their continued hard work this year. We are also grateful for all the positive feedback we have received regarding the weekly newsletters and resources that are now in your child's Google classrooms. If you haven't had a chance do take a look at the information for parents in the Classwork section of the classroom. We hope that this additional information will help you understand what your child is learning and reinforce our strong home school partnerships which ensure all our pupils make the best possible progress.

Dates for your diaries

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 – 3.40-5.40pm

Thursday 13th October – Year 6 Parents' Evening – 5-7pm

Thursday 13th October – Harvest Mass – Year 5 to lead – 9.30am

Thursday 13th October – Year 4 Boys' Football

Friday 14th October – New Parents' Open Day 10-11am

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

Tuesday 18th October – Year 3 & 4 Basketball Tournament

Tuesday 18th October – Reception - Year 5 Parents' Evening – 3.40-5.40pm

Thursday 20th October – Reception - Year 5 Parents' Evening – 5-7pm

Thursday 20th October – Year 2 Scooter Training

Week Commencing 24th October – Half Term

Monday 31st October – School Closed INSET

Tuesday 1st November – School Closed INSET

Friday 4th November – Year 4 Trip to Fulham Palace

Wednesday 9th November – Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

Friday 11th November – Remembrance Service – Led by Year 6, Year 6 parents are invited to attend

Wednesday 16th November – Girls' Football Tournament

Thursday 17th November – Open Morning for Current Parents – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Thursday 17th November – Year 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament

Wednesday 23rd November – Year 3 Trip to Fulham Palace

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Year 4 Girls' Football

Well done to Rose, Sofia, Rosa, Evelyn, Emilia, Lucia, Matilda, and Magda who went to a football tournament this week and won two of their four matches. There was some excellent play and we were particularly impressed by the girls' mature attitude on and off the pitch. Thank you to Hassan and all the parents who helped on the day, making it possible for the girls to attend.



Dads Football

Any Dads keen to play football should know there are regular 11-a-side matches against other schools. Anyone interested should contact Chris Grindal on 07711-142009 or chris_grindal@hotmail.com. In the past we have managed a weekly game at Richmond Park Academy at 21.00 each Wednesday, latterly with the participation of the younger generation - this could be revived if there was sufficient interest.

Calling all Netballers!

Last year our basketball team went all the way to the London Youth Games and came second out of all the teams in the capital! We are keen to replicate this success with our netballers. We are looking for a parent or parents to run, or help run, our netball squad. The playground would be available for training Monday pm, Wednesday am or Friday am and/or pm. If you are interested please contact the school office.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings for Year 6 will be the week commencing 10th October (due to their residential trip to France). It will be the following week for Reception – Year 5 pupils. These meetings will take place in person on the school site Tuesday 3.40-5.40pm and Thursday 5-7pm. If you have not already booked your appointment on SCOPay please do so as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend please contact the school office and alternative arrangements will be made. **Please note that there are no school clubs during the week of Reception and Year 5 parents' evening. NS Sport after school care will be available 3.20-6.00pm.**

To help ensure all parents can attend these meetings we provide a Crèche where your children can wait whilst you attend your appointments. If you would like to use this service then please email the office to make a booking admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk. Unfortunately, we cannot look after pre-school aged children.

Harvest Mass

We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Mass in church next Thursday. Year 5 will be leading the mass and we always welcome parents and parishioners to these special celebrations. As we reflect on the

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many gifts that God has given us we will also be collecting food to enable us to prepare hampers for vulnerable members of our community and to donate to the local foodbank that we continue to work in partnership with. If you have any donations for the hampers please bring them to school before half term and leave them in labelled crate in the playground. Currently, the foodbank is asking for donations of cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea and coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk and long-life fruit juice.

Harvest Hoedown Tomorrow 4-8pm

We're delighted so many families can come and be part of the inaugural Harvest Hoedown fundraising event.

For those attending, entrance will be through the school front office door, all other entrances to the school will remain closed for the event.

Reminder dress to impress in Wild West, there will be a fancy-dress parade for the children with prizes.

Weather is looking great but be aware it's a part outdoor event.

Card machines will be available but small change appreciated.

It's a paid bar, and a couple of the optional children's activities have a charge.

Raffle tickets will also be available on the door.

Still a few slots left for helpers on the day and to keep the bar flowing, so please sign up here if you can help

<https://signup.com/go/ArmxLsz>

Look forward to seeing you all there. Yee Ha!

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Ada Lynch

Year 1 Australia – Samuel Mushi

Year 2 Africa – Olly Brooker

Year 3 North America – Freddie Ennis

Year 4 South America – Matilda Harrison

Year 5 Europe – Tomas Whitmore

Year 6 Asia – Xaviera Driussi

Thank you for setting such an excellent example!

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Ada Lynch and Amber Edgar for their beautiful baptism cards

Mariana Goncalves and Simeon Daltry for their riveting recounts

Evelyn Dolan for exceptionally insightful book review

Lily Pepper and Joe Lynch for their excellent efforts in phonics

Dominic Schab for his cup full of kindness

Henryk Lukasik for a dramatic description.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the eagerly anticipated Harvest Hoedown tomorrow!

Catherine Hughes

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