



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 7 | 14th October 2022

As we near the end of the half term there is much to celebrate this week in school. Saturday's Harvest Hoedown was an incredible day for all the family - filled with laughter, dancing and lots of delicious food. It was a great opportunity for us to come together as a community and we are absolutely thrilled that it raised £1405 for the school! A huge thank you to the incredible team behind the event and particularly to Amy, Lucy and Meredith who organised it all and transformed our school into the wild, wild west for the day. If you weren't able to make it you can get a flavour of the day from Julie Fargues beautiful photographs: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/S7w7Fe7qzJQYQ2Nw5>

Our gratitude for all that we have been given, God's great gifts and the great generosity of time and money shown by our community were beautifully celebrated in our Harvest Mass led by Year 5. Thank you to Year 5, Mrs Delap and Mr Bartrip for their hard work in preparation for this celebration. Don't forget you can still donate items to the food bank by leaving them in the plastic box in the main playground. We will be dropping off all donations at half term.

Dates for your diaries

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

Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th October – Costume “drop-off”

Tuesday 18th October – Year 3 & 4 Basketball Tournament

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

Tuesday 18th October – Pre-loved uniform sale

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

Thursday 20th October – Year 2 Scooter Training

Thursday 20th October – Second-Hand Costume Sale – after school

Friday 21st October – Half Term Celebration – Disco in school

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

Friday 4th November - Great Mary Mags Bake-off cake sale to provide new aprons for art department

Wednesday 9th November – Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

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

Friday 11th November – Mufti Day to support the Christmas Fair

Wednesday 16th November – Girls' Football Tournament

Thursday 17th November – Open Morning for Current Parents

Thursday 17th November – Year 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament

Friday 18th November – Mufti Day to support the Christmas Fair

Wednesday 23rd November – Year 3 Trip to Fulham Palace

Friday 25th November – Mufti Day to support the Christmas Fair

Wednesday 30th November – Boys' Football

Thursday 1st December – Advent Liturgies, in school

Thursday 1st December – Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights

Friday 2nd December – Mufti Day to support the Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fair

Tuesday 6th December – Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 8th December – Nativity Play

Friday 9th and Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Movie nights

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December - Class Christmas parties in school

Thursday 15th December – Carol Service Years 4-6, 7pm

Friday 16th December – Last day of term – School closes 1pm

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

Nut Free School

It has been brought to our attention that children are bringing snacks and items in their lunch boxes that contain nuts. **Please do not send food containing nuts into school.** Like all schools we are nut free as some of our pupils have serious allergies to nuts. The severity of these allergies mean that they do not need to eat nuts in order to become unwell and therefore the only way to keep them safe is for our school to be a nut free environment.

Year 4 Boys' Football

Following on from the success of our girls' team last week our Year 4 boys and three boys from Year 3 were wonderful ambassadors for the school making it all the way to the semi-finals of the large schools' competition – an incredible achievement. A huge well done to JP, Arthur, William, Kairo, Danny, Filip and Louis. Thank to Hassan and all the parents who have helped on the day, we couldn't do it without you!



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale - 18th October

Next week Yolanda and Kirsty are organising another pre-loved uniform sale so that you have a chance to purchase winter uniform as the weather is turning colder. If you have any donations please bring them to the school office – we are particularly keen to get more PE Kits. The sale will take place after school and you will be able to make a cash donation of your choice for anything you select.

Half Term Celebration – 21st October

On Friday 21st October there will be a half term celebration in school and children will be able to wear their own clothes or costumes and enjoy a disco in the afternoon. The PTA have had the great idea of organising an unwanted costume drop-off at drop-off in the morning, in the week leading up to the Halloween Disco (17th, 18th & 19th of October), with a second-hand sale being held on Thursday 20th of October after school.

Just a reminder that all the costumes donated and/or worn on the day should reflect the fact that we are a primary school and that many of our children will be frightened by scary costumes. There should be no masks, weapons or gruesome costumes or make up – little minds have very vivid imaginations!

Fundraising Opportunity

Carter Jonas, our local estate agents in Barnes, has approached us again about a fundraising idea, they would like to put their advertising board outside your property, they will pay the school £25 per board, which will be up for around three to four weeks. We would need 50 properties for this to go ahead (they would need to go up in the following areas Barnes, Mortlake and Sheen).

This time we will be advertising our Christmas Fair on the boards. The addresses must have the potential for the board to be fixed to a post or placed into the ground. If you are happy to have a Carter Jonas board outside your property please complete this survey: <https://forms.gle/txLKV363kYbKY4WMA>
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Carter Jonas will contact you to arrange putting up the board if we get 50 families happy to help. If we don't they will not contact you.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings for Reception – Year 5 will be next week. These meetings will take place in person on the school site Tuesday 3.40-5.40pm and Thursday 5-7pm. 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 (admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk) to make a booking. Unfortunately, we cannot look after pre-school age children.

Parent Consultation

Yesterday you received a letter regarding the school's approach to relationships and health education. As the primary educators of your children we want to do this in partnership with you and so your views are vital. To take part in the consultation, please do the following:

- Access the Parent Consultation Tool here: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary
- You may need the following login credentials for our school:
Username: smmr
Password: tentenpp
- Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.
- Complete the following questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/7c5ZUMKEAywmHDXz5>
- Send us your feedback by: **Thursday 3rd November**

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Amber Edgar
Year 1 Australia – Harlow Stewart
Year 2 Africa – Abby Black
Year 3 North America – Mason Armitage
Year 4 South America – Kairo Nguyen
Year 5 Europe – Vanessa Luscevska
Year 6 Asia – Joshua Couch

Thank you for setting such an excellent example!

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Elodie, Charlotte and Raffi Boghossian for exceptional recounts
Marjorie for her homework about kindness
Alexia her research into the stone age
Mason for his insightful questions
Amilia, Rosie and Tilly for inspiring descriptive writing about the desert.
Livia, Jack, Jakob and Emilia for working collaboratively on a WW1 project.
Mya and Eva for creating vibrant faces and using excellent blending techniques inspired by artist Kimmy Cantrell.
Pearse for writing a mature reflection about his collage inspired by Beatriz Mihazes.

I hope you have a restful weekend with your children,
Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher

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