



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – Spring 2 | 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

A huge thank you to our Year 3 children for their fabulous assembly this morning. They taught us all so much about journeys and gave us much food for thought about our own life journeys and those who help and support us along the way. One of the great privileges of being a teacher is being able to watch our children as they make their journey through the school and it was inspiring to see Year 3 perform with such confidence and enthusiasm and reflect on how far they have come since they joined us in Reception. It was wonderful to welcome the Year 3 parents, who are such a vital part of their children's journeys, to school thank you to them for their continued support and a huge thanks you to Mrs Hopkins, Ms Haughton and Mrs Gordon whose hard work ensured the children were so well prepared.

## Dates for your diaries

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 4 Class Mass – 9.30am in church – parents are welcome to join us

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 2 class assembly after drop off

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January** – Cake Sale and Secondhand Uniform

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 2 Great Fire of London & Science Materials Workshops

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 3 Class Mass – 9.30am in church – parents are welcome to join us

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 1 class assembly after drop off

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January** – Cake Sale and Secondhand Uniform

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January** – Individual Support Plan Meetings with parents all week

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – Year 3 Safe Walking Training

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Reception class assembly after drop off

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Cake Sale and Secondhand Uniform

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Quiz Night

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Parents' Evenings

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Swimming Gala

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Coffee Morning

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Cake Sale and Secondhand Uniform

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February** – Half Term

Please note we have had to cancel the Year 2 and Year 1 class masses this half term but will reschedule them for later in the year.

## Packed Lunches and Snacks

Just a reminder that packed lunches and snacks should reflect the balanced diet we encourage children to eat. Please do not send sweets, crisps and chocolate into school as snacks – this can be very upsetting for

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

children who have a fruit snack provided by the school. Similarly, we understand that a treat may be included in packed lunches, just as our school meals include pudding. However, this week alone children have come to school with lunches full of sweets, chocolates, croissants, brioches and crisps not only do they lack the nutrition children need to help them sustain concentration throughout the day they also cause upset and confusion to children who have a more balanced packed lunch.

### **Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Exhibition**

The Royal Academy of Arts has a wonderful exhibition - now in its fifth year - for young artists to enter and we would love to see lots of Mary Mags pupils take part in this fantastic opportunity to have their artwork selected and shown in the Summer exhibition.

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–19 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Mrs Black has put details of how to enter into every classes Google classroom so take a look to find out more!

### **Reminder - New Year – New Gear!**

Do you want to want to be part of making some exciting changes to our school?

Are you interested in gaining new skills?

If the answer is yes then we have a great opportunity for you!

Thank you to everyone who has already filled in the survey for our “Time and Talents Teams”

If you would like to find out more please complete this short questionnaire:

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/ikntA7L5>

We look forward to working with you on this exciting new project!

### **Messages from the PTA**

Cake sales and 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sales are back from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. They will be held each Friday after school until half term. The money raised from cake sales will be shared across departments and classes to raise funds for resources such as aprons, micro:bits kits and ukuleles.

A couple dates for the diaries, the PTA Quiz Night will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, details of ticket sales and prices to be released shortly. The PTA will be hosting a coffee morning after school drop-off on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, this is a community (non-fundraising) event, to give parents the opportunity to meet and chat. The PTA would also like to hear your feedback on recent events and anything you believe we can do better. Please pop along to have a coffee with us.

### **Pupils of the Week**

Reception Antarctica – Anoushka Khabra

Year 1 Australia – Alice Lee

Year 2 Africa – Lily Pepper

Year 3 North America – Grace Fox

Year 4 South America – The Whole Class

Year 5 Europe – Beatrice Heyland

Year 6 Asia – Jack Pepper

### **Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work**

Amber and Lulu for their wonderful windmills

Pia, Anoushka, Mila and Charlotte for their  
sensational season collages

James, Dominik, Alice and Ruy for fantastic  
phonics

Digby for a superb paper sculpture

Marjorie for a wonderful retelling

Magda for a marvellous mosaic

Bertie, Mya, Beatrice and Harriet  
for perfect poetry

Charlotte for her fantastic biscuit packaging

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Catherine Hughes

Headteacher