



## ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – Spring 6 | 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the mufti day collection today. The money will be donated to the Disaster Emergency Committee's Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal, <https://www.dec.org.uk/>. I know that you will also be holding the people of Syria and Turkey in your thoughts and prayers at this devastating time. It was also wonderful to welcome parents into the school for a coffee morning. Thank you to the PTA for organizing this event and to our parent governor Glyn Wallis-Jones for coming to the event to discuss our exciting new time and talents team. It is a testament to what a special school St Mary Magdalen's is that we had over fifty people offer their time and talents to the school in some form.

### Dates for your diaries

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

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – Pancake Breakfast Club – book via SCOPay Breakfast Club

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Ash Wednesday – Lenten Liturgies

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Thinking Day – Please see the details below

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Netball Tournament

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Year 2 Boys' Football Ham

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Netball V Barnes School

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day – Costumes

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Netball V East Sheen School

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Netball V Sheen Mount School

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Boys' and Girls' Football V Lowther

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 4 Thames Explorer Trust riverside fieldwork day

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 5 to Sayers Croft

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Movie Night

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Music Concert time to be confirmed

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Movie Night

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Way of the Cross

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1pm

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Mufti Day

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Holidays

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – Start of the summer term

## **Mrs Lally**

I huge thank you to everyone who contributed to Mrs Lally's collection. She wanted me to pass on her huge thanks and let you all know she is "stunned" by your kindness, generosity and well wishes mean to her. I would ask you all to keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

## **Quiz Night**

Thank you to everyone who came to the quiz last Friday night. It was an amazing event filled with wonderful food, lots of laughs and just a little bit of competition. A special thanks to Zoe Couch for the delicious dinner she provided and to the PTA committee (Alison, Clare, Fran M, Fran S, Astrid and Gabi) for their tireless work. Not only do these events raise invaluable funds for the school but they are also a great opportunity for us to come together as a community and have some fun!



## **Swimming Gala**

This week our Year 5 and 6 children competed in the Richmond Swimming Gala. The children did a fantastic job and have written a short summary of the event: We are very proud of our great success at the swimming gala. Although we did not win, we were overjoyed to get to the finals and to come 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of over fifty schools. Our best swimmer, Matilda Pellegrini, won nearly all her races and was not only impressive but also an incredible sport. The atmosphere was lively as we cheered on our fellow team members. We really enjoyed this opportunity and wish the next swim team the best of luck. Thank you to Mr Pellegrini and Mrs O'Boyle for supporting the children on the day.

## **Financial Year-End 2023**

Bookings for breakfast club, clubs, school lunches and trips on SCOPay will close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at midday and will re-open on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 5p.m. This is because of the financial year-end. Please top up your child's school lunch account, breakfast club or make payments for school trips, swimming Governors' Fund before 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**All P.T.A events and school uniform purchases will remain open.**

## **Announcements by the PTA**

A big thanks to all who came to the Quiz Night last Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we had a great night and raised nearly £1000 towards PTA funds. This will contribute to ongoing support of specialist Music and French teachers, and NSSport.

Our next big event will be a special Pancake Day Breakfast on Tuesday 21st, ticket prices are £5 per child, you can sign-up your children up via Breakfast Club on Scopay. The Pancake Day Breakfast is anticipated to be very popular, if you are able to help serve breakfast to the children or donate pancakes, please let your class rep or a member of the PTA know.

It was lovely to chat, and have coffee with some fellow parents this morning, thanks for taking the time to pop into the school hall after drop-off. Looking forward to see you at the next coffee.

Finally, thanks to all those who have already sign-up to voluntary monthly donations.

Wishing you a lovely half term.

The PTA

Alison, Clare, Fran, Gabi, Fran and Astrid

#### **Pupils of the Week**

Reception Antarctica – Eliza Collard

Year 1 Australia – William Lines

Year 2 Africa – Pearse Freeman and

Ramon Prieto-Sanchez

Year 3 North America – Ava Terry

Year 4 South America – Evie Couch

Year 5 Europe – Georgie Murray

Year 6 Asia – Joshua Couch

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

Luke, Evie, Zoe and Emily for fantastic independent work in history,  
Lily, Leo, Sofia daring diary entries,  
Evelyn and Max fo thoughtful writing in role,  
Julio and Max for wonder fabric art,  
Jack for his entertaining advert,  
Luca and Mariana for wonderful work on feeling connected,  
Elodie for independent homework,  
Eva and Zoe for their descriptive narratives,

I hope you have a wonderful half term with your children and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Catherine Hughes,  
Headteacher