



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Summer 1 | 21st April 2023

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school for what I am sure will be a happy and productive summer term. I am looking forward to welcoming lots of volunteers to school tomorrow for our big “Spring Clean” this is always such a fantastic day where we make such a difference to our children’s learning environment. Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work coordinating the event and thank you in advance to all of those who come and help out on the day – Remember it’s never too late to sign up or turn up! If you can’t make the spring clean I hope you will be able to join us for the Family Bingo afterwards. I have been brushing up on my bingo lingo in preparation.

Dates for your diaries

Saturday 22nd April – Spring Clean & Family Bingo	Tuesday 6th June – Start of the new half term
Wednesday 26th April – Year 4 & 5 Port of London Authority Thames Workshop	Wednesday 8th June - Year 4 British Library Voyage into Maps
Wednesday 26th April – Year 3 South America Workshop	Thursday 8th June – Year 4 British Library Voyage into Maps
Thursday 27th April – Year 4 Summer Term Mass	Friday 9th June – Year 6 Fieldwork trip Bushy Park
Friday 28th April – Catholic Schools’ INSET – school closed	Friday 9th June - Mufti Day
Monday 1st May – May Day Bank Holiday	Thursday 15th June – Mufti Day
Tuesday 2nd May – Strike Day Year 1 Closed	Friday 16th June – Sports Day
Wednesday 3rd May – Year 2 Wetlands Trip	Sunday 18th June - First Holy Communion Masses
Wednesday 3rd May – Parents’ Welcome Evening – New Reception Class	Week Commencing 19th June – Art Week
Friday 5th May – King and Queen Disco after school	Wednesday 21st June – Year 2 Barnes Literacy Festival
Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday for the Coronation	Thursday 22nd June – Year 3 Barnes Literacy Festival
Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May – Key Stage 2 SATs	Friday 23rd June - Mufti Day
Friday 12th May – Cake Sale	Week Commencing 26th June – Math’s’ Week London
Friday 19th May – Borough Sports	Thursday 29th June - St Peter and St Paul Mass
Friday 19th May – Cake Sale	Friday 30th June - Mufti Day
Saturday 20th May – Mexican Fiesta	Saturday 1st July – Summer Fair (12-4pm)
Tuesday 23rd May -Pentecost Mass	Monday 3rd July – Secondary Transfer Day Richmond Schools
Wednesday 24th May – Class and Team Photos	Wednesday 5th July - Secondary Transfer Day Kingston Schools
Wednesday 24th May – Year 1 Boys’ Football	Wednesday 12th July – Year 6 Production
Thursday 25th May – Mufti Day	Thursday 13th July – Year 6 Production
Friday 26th May – INSET Day – school closed	Friday 14th July – Year 6 Leavers’ Party (tbc)
Monday 29th May – Friday 2 nd June – Half Term	Friday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers’ Mass
Half Term 29th May – 2nd June	Friday 21st July - Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1pm
Monday 5th June – INSET Day – school closed	

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Change to term dates

There has been a slight alteration to the term dates for the academic year 2023-2024. This will mean that school will start on Tuesday 5th September rather than Monday 4th. The revised dates can be found on our website: <https://www.st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk/calendar/>

Girls' and Boys' Football Tournament

Yesterday, our girls' and boys' teams went to the Kingston and Richmond Boroughs Football Tournament. This tournament includes all the primary schools from both boroughs and so there was a lot of stiff competition. Having made it through the first round we were delighted to qualify for the cup competition for the first time. This part of the tournament is usually for larger, 2, 3, 4 and 5 form entry schools. Both teams played incredibly and our girls were very unlucky to narrowly miss out on a place in the final on penalties. Our boys went all the way to the final and at full time it was a draw after some impressive play by both teams. Sadly, we lost 4-5 on penalties but we could not be prouder of all the children who played with skill, determination and resilience. A huge thank you to Hassan for all the work he has done with all our children, his passion and expertise means that our small school is competing with schools that are often three times our size and winning. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day and keep everything crossed for our upcoming league matches.





Year One Trip to Fulham Palace

There was much excitement as Year One headed off to Fulham Palace on Wednesday. They explored the exiting and unique botanical specimens in the historical garden and learnt about their history. The children even had the opportunity to meet George London, the head gardener during the reign of Charles II who put their knowledge to the test to see if they were suitable for a gardening position at Fulham Palace. Despite their impressive performance we were delighted that all the children still decided to return to school! Thank you to Ms Vunaki, Mrs Brun and Ms Smyth and all the parents who helped on the day.

Pre-loved Uniform

Although the weather is incredibly changeable I know that many parents are looking for summer uniform for the term ahead. If you have any uniform, in good condition, that no longer fits your child please do drop it into the office. We particularly need summer dresses and PE kit. We will be running a pre-loved uniform sale on Thursday 27th April and Friday 5th May at pick up. As always, you pay by donating what you can.

Summer Term Mass

Year 4 will be leading our Mass to mark the start of the summer term next Thursday. Please do come and join us at the church at 9.30am. It will be a particularly special celebration as Father Adrian has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass for us and we are looking forward to seeing him again.

How can we help?

One of the very special things about St Mary Magdalen's is that our school community has a close family feel. Like all families we want to help and support each other and we are incredibly grateful for all the help and support we receive from our parents and governors. We are also aware that people's circumstances change regularly and that all families can face challenges. We know that supporting our families means supporting our pupils and so please do reach out if you need additional support or advice, these sensitive issues will always be dealt with in the utmost confidence. As well as in school support there are a number of charities we work with, and who we can refer families to, that may be able to help and support. Further details of this have been sent out with this newsletter.

PTA Announcements

The Summer Term is set to be a busy time the PTA, we have a number of family events coming up which can only be successful with the help of parents and teachers.

Our first big event is the **Big Spring Clean** this Saturday, 22nd April followed by popular **Family Bingo Night** 4-6pm. This is a great family fun night with lots of laughter and a few prizes.

Tickets are £5 per person; price includes pizza and bingo cards.

In celebration of the **King's Coronation**, we have invited Petit Performers to host a special Kings and Queens Disco after school on **5th May**, more details to follow after the Easter Holidays

The Summer Fair is biggest fund raiser for school, it requires a large effort to coordinate. We need volunteers to help with organising entertainers, gather prizes, catering, prepare and distribute the brochure, run stalls, set-up and clean-up. If you would like to be part of Summer Fair Team, please complete the google survey link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8tFFkeH-DEExp98eQ8cuZ5Qngkb4xowdhE2Lydh1vHR929w/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8tFFkeH-DEExp98eQ8cuZ5Qngkb4xowdhE2Lydh1vHR929w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

A big thanks to those who have signed up to **monthly contribution**. If you have signed up to make monthly contributions are eligible for gift aid, please drop off your gift aid form to the school office. If would like to make monthly contribution, this can be done via a standing order or one-time payment to the PTA Account. Account details below.

St Mary Magdalen's RC School PTA
Sort Code 20-72-33
Account Number 20322822

The PTA
Alison, Clare, Fran, Astrid, Gabi and Fran

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Theodore Whiting
Year 1 Australia – Dominic Schab
Year 2 Africa – Amelia Pawlik and
Leo Di Maria Rodriguez
Year 3 North America – Arthur Heyland
Year 4 South America – Abraham de la Camara
Year 5 Europe – Simeon Daltry
Year 6 Asia – Livia Woolfenden

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Alesia, Gabriel and Matias for their Eid cards,
Tilly and Olly for fantastic descriptive writing,
Ruairi, Sofia, Evie-Rose, Danny, Lucia, Julio,
Rose, Evelyn, Max and Abraham for
marvelous mathematics,
Mya and Mariana for their newspaper articles
Ellie and Eva for collaborative work
Luca for his persuasive letter

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your children and Eid Mubarak to all our children and their families celebrating today and over the next few days.

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher

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