



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 1 | 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

One of the many highlights of this week was our first whole school Mass of this academic year, celebrated by Fr Adrian. It was lovely to see parents attending. Year 6 children read the readings and bidding prayers beautifully with some even memorizing their readings. Now that term is well under way, the children will have time to practice hymns, so that there will be a little more joyful singing at our next celebration in church.

Today's Assembly



Today in our Assembly, we focused on what we cannot change and what we **can** change. I cannot change the fact that I am getting older and probably beginning to shrink, but I **can** get faster at Parkrun, if I show enough dedication to practice. Similarly, the children cannot change the fact that they are getting older and taller. I have asked them to think about what they **can** change and to add their intentions to **Mr Conway's Big Board**.



Pupil of the Week Award

Reception – Layla – For being kind caring and considerate

Year 1 – Matteo – For always setting a superb example in both attitude and behaviour

Year 2 – Sophia – For demonstrating positive learning behaviours and setting a good example

Year 3 - Felix – For making amazing contributions while working on *Place Value* in maths

Year 4 – Andrea – For active listening and completing all tasks

Year 5 – Kairo – For always trying his hardest in everything he does

Year 6 The Whole Class – For thoughtfully leading the first whole school Mass

Headteacher’s Award for Exceptional Work

Zoe and Bertie for insightful interpretations of Paul Nash’s paintings

Meet the Teacher

The remaining Meet the Teacher events will be held on the following mornings at 8.40am in the school hall. The presentations will also be put into Google Classroom for parents who are unable to attend.

Monday 18th September - Year 1

Tuesday 19th September – Year 2

Wednesday 20th September – Reception

Communication

Subsequent to our *Meet the Teacher* events held over the last two weeks, this is a reminder to use Google Classroom. This platform has been set up to share information with you and this will also enable you to easily access information and resources when you need them.

You can access Google Classroom by using the links below. Your child has been reminded of their login and password but, if they can’t remember it, please contact the school office admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk

Reception – To be arranged

Year 1 - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjIwOTgzNjAwNTYz?cjc=7d5k2vr>

Class Code: 7d5k2vr

Year 2 – <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjIxNTAwNDY2NDMw?cjc=uycrr5b>

Class Code: uycrr5b

Year 3 – <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjlwOTYzMTIyNzM1?cjc=2vy7kqn>

Class Code: 2vy7kqn

Year 4 – <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjlyMDAxMDI2MDg4?cjc=fzbsisk>

Class Code: fzbsisk

Year 5 – <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjlxOTk5MMDMwNjMy?cjc=cwlt2h7>

Class Code: cwlt2h7

Year 6 – <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjE1NTczNTI3NzQ5?cjc=wr7lbjr>

Class Code: wr7lbjr

Covid

There have been reported Covid cases in the area, tests not required, the guidance is:

For children and young people aged 18 and under who test positive for COVID-19, the advice is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Recruitment

Learning Support Assistant/SMSA

We are currently looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our dedicated staff team as a Learning Support Assistant/SMSA. The role involves working closely with class teachers to support the needs of individual pupils, running small group interventions and working within the classroom to help the children's learning and development.

If you would like to apply, or have family or friends who may be interested, please see our Recruitment page on Eteach for more information, an application form and Job Description or contact the office directly.

The post is due to start as soon as possible and is a great chance to make a big difference.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 18 September.

<https://www.eteach.com/schools/st-mary-magdalens-catholic-primary-school-18109>

Clerk to Governors

The Board of Governors is looking to appoint a highly organised individual with a professional manner and effective communication skills to support Governors with their work. The successful candidate will work closely with the Chair of Governors, the Headteacher and other members of the board. Central to the role is preparing for, taking notes at and producing minutes for meetings as well as advising on procedural issues of governance, statutory duties and dealing with administrative matters. Integrity and the ability to maintain confidentiality are also essential.

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PTA

The PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) is gearing up for an exciting school year, being dedicated to enhancing the educational journey of all children at our school and your support is essential for our mission.

Here's how you can make a difference.

1. Get Involved: Your time and passion can be the catalyst for positive change. Join our vibrant PTA team and help shape the future of our school or decide to be our micro-volunteer and help organise crucial fundraising events for the school. Keep an eye out for the announcement of our Annual General Meeting (AGM) date, where everyone is encouraged to attend. Do you want to learn about our plans, share your ideas or actively participate? We'd love to see you there! Or please contact us via email: smmptacontact@gmail.com

2. Support by donation: Every contribution counts! Consider signing up for a convenient monthly donation or making a one-time gift to our PTA account.

Even a small monthly contribution can support our school.

St Mary Magdalen's RC School PTA

Sort Code 20-72-33

Account Number 20322822

3. Easy fundraising: support our school effortlessly by shopping via easyfundraising. Just search for our cause: St Mary Magdalen's (you can use the link: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=82969&invite=2elxpo&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest). Your everyday purchases can directly benefit our students' educational experience.

Stay tuned for updates on our exciting events and fundraising opportunities that will be announced soon.

None of our missions can be accomplished without your invaluable support so let's make this year remarkable, hand in hand.

Thank You PTA

John Conway
Headteacher

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 30 October: Inset Day – school closed (Locality schools)

Thursday 21 December: school closes for Christmas holidays (1pm)

Half Term: Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 January: spring term begins

Thursday 28 March: school closes for Easter holidays (1pm)

Half Term: Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February

Summer term 2024

Monday 15 April: summer term begins

Friday 3 May: Catholic Inset Day – school closed

Monday 6 May: May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 24 May: Inset Day – school closed (report writing)

Monday 3 June: Inset Day – school closed (SDP)

Wednesday 24 July: school closes for summer holidays (1pm)

Half term: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May