



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

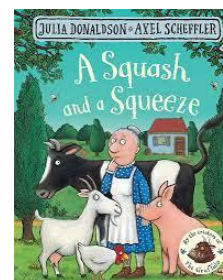
Newsletter - Autumn 5 | 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This week seems to have been dominated by cake and food in general, with the Harvest Festival, the first Cake Sale of the year and celebrations of World Teachers' Day.

Today's Assembly

Today in our Assembly, we discussed the idea that we should appreciate what we already have in our lives, rather than being jealous of others and greedy for more. We used the universally appreciated book by Julia Donaldson, 'A Squash and A Squeeze' to illustrate this point.



Dates for your diaries

Week Commencing 9th October – Year 6 residential trip to Isle of Wight

Monday 9th October - Pre-loved uniform & Halloween costume collections at drop-off

Tuesday 10th October - Pre-loved uniform & Halloween costume collections at drop-off

Tuesday 10th October - New Parents' Open Day 2-3pm

Wednesday 11th October - Autumn Disco ticket sales at drop-off

Thursday 12th October - Halloween 2nd hand costumes sale & Pre-loved uniform SALE at pick-up

Friday 13th October – Autumn Disco ticket sales at drop-off

Friday 13th October – Year 5 Cake Sale

Tuesday 17th October - Parents' Evening 3.40-5.40pm

Thursday 19th October - Parents' Evening 5-7pm

Friday 20th October – Autumn Disco

Week Commencing 23rd October – Half Term

Sunday 5th November - THE GREAT MARY MAGS INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

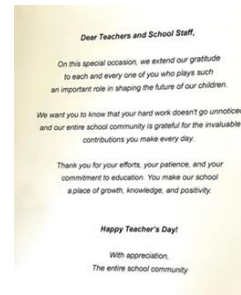
Harvest Festival Mass

Our Harvest Festival Mass was celebrated on **Wednesday the 4th**. Thank you for the wonderful donations of non-perishable produce, toiletries and other items. These have now been distributed to local food banks.

World Teacher's Day

All of the staff would like to thank the PTA and whole school community for their appreciation on World Teachers' Day. On behalf of the parents, the PTA brought in some wonderful cakes with a huge card and

very kind message. It was necessary for me to sample the cakes and I can honestly report that they were superb! Thank you!



Year 6 Cake Sale

The first Cake Sale of the year was held for Year 6 on Friday afternoon. Thank you to all the contributors to what is an exciting moment for our children and an important source of funds for our classrooms. The money raised from Cake Sales is used to supplement our classroom reading book selections and to add to our school library book collection.

Pupil of the Week Award

Reception – Adam – For his enthusiastic attitude, determination and sunny smile

Year 1 – Ada – For being an excellent buddy to her new classmate and for caring for everyone.

Year 2 – Zoey – For her love of learning and trying her best.

Year 3 – Joe – For writing some amazing expanded noun phrases and work on his spelling

Year 4 – Abigail – For having courage and confidence

Year 5 – Magdalena - For trying her best, a positive attitude and her creative writing in English

Year 6 – Mia – For working hard to improve her recall of multiplication facts.

Parent Teacher Association Appeal for New Committee Members

The PTA held their AGM on Monday. They have been doing fantastic work for years to support additional activities and projects at St Mary Magdalen's. Currently they contribute to NS Sports; Instrumental Music Tuition and French Tuition, as well as providing support for families through the Hardship Fund.

There are many events and activities planned for this term, aimed at raising funds while bringing some sunshine to the community. The work of the PTA not only provides financial support but as the events they organise also benefit the social cohesion of the whole local community.

However, the PTA needs your support. New PTA Committee Members are needed urgently. Sometimes it can be a little daunting putting one's own name forward but we really do need some parents to consider joining the PTA committee. If you are interested but not sure, please contact one of the committee members or contact me directly at the school to find out what would be involved.

The Mary Mags International Food Fair

Ladies and Gents, boys and girls it's almost time to loosen your belt buckles!!! The Inaugural Mary Mags

Food Fair will soon be upon us. Taking place on Sunday 5th November 12-3pm. We now have over 15 nationalities lined up to serve traditional dishes from their countries! Tickets will go on sale this week. Look out for us in the playground at drop off. Entrance tickets are £3 and tokens for food will be available on the day where you will be able to taste as many dishes as you'd like! There will also be some free children's activities to keep them busy and of course - a bar! We hope to see you there!

Time to Party

Please put the date in your diary for the Mary Mags Autumn Disco! Tickets will go on sale next week. The Disco will take place on Friday 20th October with KS1 Children 4.45-5.45 and KS2 6 - 7.15pm. Doors will open 15 minutes before start time. Children can celebrate the start of half term with a dance and a party with their friends and the bar will be open for adults!! It's always great fun for all.

Tickets £5 per child (adults go free and children must be accompanied by an adult) and will be on sale at drop off Wednesday and Friday next week and also on SCOPay.

Snacks, drinks and glow in the dark surprises available to buy on the day!

Birthday Treats

Previously, the school had asked for books to be bought for your child's class library on their birthday rather than giving birthday treats to the class. Therefore, if you wish to give out birthday treats you will need to check regarding allergies within the class and help to distribute at the end of the school day.

Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip

Year 6 depart for Isle of Wight on Monday morning for their PGL adventure trip. We wish them a wonderful time, enjoying the activities and building friendships we hope will last a life time.

Thank you to Mrs Derby, Ms Nugent, Mrs O'Boyle for their commitment in leading Year 6 on this trip.

PTA

Thank you to those who joined the PTA AGM on Monday. We had a very warm welcome speech from Mr Conway who emphasised how lovely our school community are and what amazing children we have. We would like to encourage everyone to join the team in whatever capacity you can. Roles range from big too small. Whatever you are happy to donate your time to. Please feel free to have a chat with one of the PTA members, your class reps or email us directly at smmptacontact@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events this week:

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* Clear out those shelves / cupboards / sock drawers this weekend and bring your second-hand costumes and pre-loved uniforms to school at drop-off on Monday and Tuesday.

* Get creative with that Christmas feeling on those Christmas cards. To be handed in on Friday. Please ask the office for new forms if you have misplaced yours. Each child must have their own form with their unique order code.

Future Events for the Diary:

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General:

* The Great St Mary Mags Bike Ride

If your interest is piqued about The GSMM Bike Ride to Bruges next year, please join Craig Smith and Fran Sponsler at the Hare and Hounds 7:30pm Monday 16th October to hear more.

* Contributions

Thanks to all those who have signed up to monthly PTA contributions, your generosity will help the PTA continue to support the school. If you can afford to donate between £10-£30 each month we would encourage you to set-up a monthly standing order, account details below. This will help ensure we can meet our yearly funding to the school.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

St Mary Magdalen's RC School PTA

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Regards,

PTA (Alison, Clare, Fran M, Fran S, Gabi, Astrid, Lucy, Tara, Jemma, Donghee and Louisa)

Have a lovely weekend.

John Conway

Headteacher