



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 6 | 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We have missed our Year 6 pupils this week, while they have been on their adventures in the Isle of Wight but they have been having the best of times. I am sure parents have been following their children's activities via the links to photographs and video clips that have been sent through by our wonderful teachers and support staff.

Today's Assembly



Today in our Assembly, we discussed the qualities that saints display in their lives. Over the next week, in preparation for All Saints Day, on the 1st November, the children will be invited to find out about different saints and will be discussing who their favourite saint might be.

Staff News

We warmly welcome some new staff at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary – Zoe Phillips and Freya Tingyi are both Learning Support Assistants and Amy Wallis-Jones joins us a Clerk to Governors. We hope they all enjoy working with us and being part of the St Mary Magdalen's family.

We are going to say a sad goodbye, good luck and a huge thank you to Mrs Lally as she will be leaving this month. Mrs Lally has been working at St Mary Magdalen's for many years, initially as a parent, class representative and as a Learning Support Assistant. She has been absolutely fantastic and has a wealth of knowledge that we will truly miss. We will miss her laughter, fun, advice and her warmth and passion for all pupils especially for those with Special Educational Needs. We will all miss you!

Parents' Evenings and After School Clubs

Please note that there are no **school** clubs during the week of **parents'** meetings (morning, lunch time or afterschool clubs) 16-20 October 2023 .

Morning squad clubs **will** run a normal (boys' & girls' football and netball).

NS Sport after school care **will** be available 3.20-6.00pm https://mailchi.mp/b49c344e0703/asc_new_stmm

To help ensure all **parents** can attend these meetings we will provide a **Crèche on Tuesday 17th October ONLY**, where your children can wait whilst you attend your appointments. If you would like to use this service, please email the office to make a booking admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk. Unfortunately, we cannot look after pre-school aged children.

Year 5 Cake Sale

The second Cake Sale of the year was held for Year 5 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 provide resources for our Sensory Room.



Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip

Our Year 6 Isle of Wight trip concludes today. The children have been excellent and represented themselves and the school superbly. We are very proud of them ! We are also extremely grateful to Mrs Derby, Miss Nugent and Mrs O'Boyle for so generously putting in the time to make sure that Year 6 children are able to have this fantastic experience. I am sure the children will come back with many stories from their adventures !



Traffic Issues

We are all aware that St Mary Magdalen's is located in a tight cul-de-sac, in a residential road. It is of the utmost importance that our school enjoys a good relationship with its neighbours. However, this has come under strain recently due to some less than considerate behavior by road users coming to the school. We are regularly receiving complaints from residents of Worple Street about parents or carers dropping off or collecting children. Drivers reversing down the length of Worple Street, turning cars, engines being left running, and loud music from open car windows are the main sources of complaint. We would kindly ask parents to respect the local residents by parking at the railway end of the road and walking down the road to drop-off or collect their children. Please do not leave your engines running while you are waiting. If you do find that you need to reverse on Worple Street, please exercise the greatest of care. This is especially important with children crossing the road between parked cars at the beginning and end of the school day. Accidents are very possible when reversing and some parked cars have been damaged in recent days. Thank you for your consideration and helping to ensure the safety of our pupils and to protect the reputation of our school.

Pupil of the Week Award

Reception – Alfie – For having such a positive and de

Year 1 – Olivia – For being a great friend, who is always willing to help others.

Year 2 – Dominic – For brightening everyone's day, simply by being his wonderful self.

Year 3 – Roberto – For reading so confidently and with great expression.

Year 4 – Yasmin – For following rules independently, wonderful organization skills and beautiful manners

Year 5 – Finlay - For writing a beautiful story in English about the creation of Benin

Year 2 Art

Year 2 have been learning about Brazilian artist, Beatriz Milhazes. The children created abstract collages in the style of her colourful art



Year 3 and 4 Football



Last Friday night we had 13 representatives from the school taking part in a Tag Rugby Year 3 and 4 mixed event. Our team showed great maturity and energy levels to compete against other schools playing 7 matches, winning 5 and drawing 2. We had a mixture of experienced and inexperienced but you couldn't tell as they supported each other and had so much fun! Thanks to the parents for their support in bringing the children and cheering on the team!

'My experience of the football competition. Some of the children were very experienced and strong. We got two goals in total against one of the best teams. Grace and Penelope scored two goals'

Grace

'My experience of the football competition was very tough. Me and Penelope were the only ones that scored goals. The last team was very experienced and I am the most experienced player on my tea, so I played outfield. I knew some people there and it was lots of fun. We played one game in particular that was very difficult but we scored two goals. In the end the score was 3:2. Even though we didn't win, we all still had fun


Penelope'

PTA

Uniform and Costume Donations

Thank you everyone for your support with uniform and costume donations as well as your support in buying tickets for the awesome Mary Mags Autumn Disco taking place next week. Please see details for the week ahead below.

Upcoming Events this week:

Monday 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>FINAL DAY</i> - Christmas card hand in - The Great St Mary Mags International Food Fair tickets on sale
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	- The Great St Mary Mags Bike Ride to Bruges Info Evening  
Tuesday 17th	/
Wednesday 18th	Autumn Disco ticket sale at drop off
Thursday 19th	/
Friday 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mufti Day  - The Great St Mary Mags International Food Fair tickets on sale -  AUTUMN DISCO  KS1 = 4:45pm – 5:45pm KS2 = 6pm – 7:15pm - Last Day of half term



Christmas cards

Get creative with that Christmas feeling on those Christmas cards. Last day to hand in is *Monday, 16th October*. Please ask the office for new forms if you have misplaced yours. Each child must have their own form with their unique order code.

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.

Mufti Day

Dress in your best autumnal colours

Mary Mags Autumn Disco

Get your dancing shoes on it's nearly time to party!! Tickets for the disco will be on sale Wednesday morning at drop off and are also available on Scopay. KS1 4.45-5.45pm and KS2 6-7.15pm. Doors open 15 minutes before!

Snacks, sweet treats and glow in the dark surprises will be available to buy on the day. Bar with drinks and snacks for adults too!

Future Events for the Diary:

Sunday 5 th November	The Great St Mary Mags International Food Fair
Saturday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair

The Great St Mary Mags International Food Fair

We're just three weeks away now from the Great Mary Mags International Food Fair!

Tickets go on sale on Monday 16th and Friday 20th October at drop off - look out for the flags!

Huge thanks to all those who have volunteered to showcase a dish - everyone is in for a culinary treat!

£3 entry with food tokens available on the day, free kids activities and an international bar, caipirinha anyone?!

See you next week Amy, Lucy & Meredith

General:

Contributions

Thank you 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.

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 organize 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.

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