

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Thursday 6th September 2018



Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

Worship Reflections

This week we warmly welcome thirty new children into our school and have been thinking very carefully about how we can be super role models for them. We have considered who we feel sets a great example to us and have committed to aspire to be like them. As Christians we have the best of role models to aspire to; our Lord Jesus.

Dear Lord,
Thank you for our school and for what we learn here.
Thank you for the many children and adults who are trying to show us the right way to live.
Help us all to be a good example, especially to those younger than us.
Amen.

Absence in term time

Holidays in term time are only authorised in truly exceptional circumstances. Please seek permission before booking and refer to the attendance policy.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to:

Thomas McGarry, Payton Vas-Moulding, Jessica Whittaker, Henli Pratt, Jack Turner, Harvey Elsdon & Mitchell Ratcliffe

Summer Diaries

Please could all summer diaries be handed in for **Friday 14th September**? Prizes will be awarded in achievement assembly on **Friday 28th September**.



Welcome

We welcome Declan into Year 1. Declan has come to live with foster carers in our parish. I know that you will help him and his new carers surround him with love and understanding.

Year 5 and 6 All Hallows' Meeting

The new headteacher of All Hallows', Mr Horrocks, and a couple of his senior staff will be in our school to meet parents of children

Welcome back

A warm welcome back to the new school year and an especially warm welcome to our new parents in Reception Class. I hope that you had a wonderful summer with your children and that you created some very special memories. We have certainly had some wonderful weather which always makes everyone smile more.

I shared with you our wonderful SATs results in my end of year report but as you know we are always seeking to improve our school even more. You will see we have some new words to learn each week and later in the term we will be launching a new online publishing tool called Pobble. More about that in October. We have already bought many new books for the library that we feel may engage boys more readily. Please encourage them to change their books regularly. (All classes have a weekly library slot).

We welcome back Mrs Briscoe who had surgery on her back at the beginning of August. Time will tell if the procedure will be a long term success so we will keep hoping and praying for her. But we are mightily glad to welcome her back.

This month we also welcome our new parish priest, Father Roy Cooper. Father Michael is now parish priest at St Oswald's but still wishes to be involved where he can with our school and to help Father Roy where he can. We look forward to a continued strong link between our school and church.

I am looking forward to sharing another successful school year with you all.

Mrs Gallagher

in Year 5 and 6 on **Thursday 20th September at 7pm**. The transition programme will be outlined in this meeting.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a full labelled kit in school. When the weather gets colder they will need some plain black jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt. Older children will need trainers. The school sweatshirts are available from Justs.

School Meals

We will be on Week 3 of the menu next week. Please remember that the school meal has now increased to £2.30 when making your payment on Parentmail.

PTFA

Our first PTFA meeting will be on Monday 10th September at 6.30pm. All new members will be welcomed with open arms. Our first event of the year is a Bingo night

Volunteering

Parent and grandparent volunteers play a huge part in helping children and teachers in school. We have lost a couple due to the volunteering being a springboard into new careers so if you would like to be involved please contact Mrs Gallagher. Full induction and training will be given.

Librarians

Could you spare half an hour after school to change children's library books? We would like to offer parents the chance to come into school with their child to change their book. Please let us know if you help.

Attendance

As I explained in my end of year headteacher report attendance in school is excellent. We thank you for this and know we will have your continued support. To this end we are going to cease doing the attendance awards. This will save school money and will also prevent children from feeling bad when they are sick.

Words of the Week

This year we are all seeking to expand our vocabularies to help our children to be even better writers. Please encourage them to use these words. Older children may well be motivated to learn the adult words.

Reception	angry
Year 1	cross
Year 2	annoyed
Year 3	furious
Year 4	irritated
Year 5	irate
Year 6	incense
Adult	exasperated



Ear Piercing

If your child has had their ears pierced over the holidays please ensure that they can remove them independently for PE or send plasters for them to be covered. Thank you.

Electronic payment

Over the next couple of weeks you may see things in your Parentmail shopping basket that are not due for payment for a long time. We are trying to include everything that you will be asked for in the year so that you can plan payments rather than be asked for too much in one go. This will not include any charity contributions or PTFA events but I do hope you find this helpful. It may take a month or so get everything in the basket. Remember that your payments will go onto more than one page.

Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to: Commencing Next Week!!

Reception Class

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Staff Teams for this year

	Teacher(s)	Teaching and Learning assistant(s)	Class Governor
Rec	Mrs Bradley	Mrs Hibbert, Mrs Wells Earp and Mrs Di Franco	Father Michael
Year 1	Mrs Edmondson, Miss McNulty (Fri	Miss Holt	Mrs Heaton
Year 2	Mrs Briscoe	Mrs Swanson, Mrs Elsdon, Mrs Marshall	Dr Brennan
Year 3	Mrs Woosey (Mon, Tues) Mrs Ainscough (Wed-Fri),	Mrs Lowe	Mrs Doherty
Year 4	Mrs Wallace	Mrs Pickup	Mr Hogarth
Year 5	Miss Brooker	Mrs Henry	Mrs Delaney
Year 6	Mr Gaughan, Mrs Atkinson (Wed),	Mrs Jolley, Mrs Leung	Mr Collins

Year Group Termly Toolkits

On Thursday 20th September we will be launching our new Termly Toolkits. This will be a half hour session on how to help your child that term. Homework for the term will be explained with lots of ideas of how to make homework fun and less onerous. This is quite a change from the traditional homework tasks and we hope that it will take the pain out of it for parents. We have organised the sessions so that parents who have more than one child can attend more than one class. We trialled this approach in Year 5 last term and it was very successful so please support us.

There will be three sessions for Year 1, 2, 3 and Year 4

5.30-6.0pm 6.0pm-6.30pm and 6:30pm:

Reception Class will have their own the week after on Thurs 27th at 6.30pm - 7.0pm. (Longer needed).

As Year 5 and 6 parents will be wanting to attend the All Hallows' Information Session at 7.0pm it seemed pointless to do earlier sessions so they will both just do one big session at 6.0pm-6.50pm. (One family have children in both classes so we will inform them separately.) Year 5 session will include Castlerigg details.