Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019

# **St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter** Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

# Worship Reflections

#### **Mutual Respect:**

There are many things in our lives that we don't have control over, and so we may have to make decisions to change direction or stop taking part in things. This can be a great opportunity to try something new!

#### Lord,

Help us know when a change in the direction of our lives is the right thing for us. Give us strength to see this opportunity as a new chapter where we can learn something different and exciting. Amen.

## Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to: No Birthdays this week.

## School Meals

We will be on Week 1 of the menu next week.

## **PTFA School Disco**

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February it is the PTFA School Disco. The infant disco is from 6.15pm-7.15pm and the junior disco is from 7.30pm-8.30pm.

## **Tempest Photography**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February Tempest Photography are coming into school at 8.30am to take family and individual photographs of the children They will also be taking a class photo of YR and Y6.

#### Sacramental Mass

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February there will be a Sacramental Mass for Y<sub>4</sub> at 11am at St. Mary Magdalen's Church.

So this week we got a lovely surprise in the form of a letter from the education secretary congratulating us on our results. As I have said before it makes me extra proud that we achieve fantastic results in reading, writing and maths without compromising on the quality of the rest of the curriculum. Thank you for all the congratulatory messages.

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and particular attention was paid to reiterating messages to children of how to keep themselves safe online. It is, of course, an all year round message but we do get disheartened by the number of children playing on games that are not age appropriate or who are on social media under Please ensure that children are not age. playing on unsuitable sites. Just as importantly please make sure that your children are not having screen time just before bed or when you think they have gone to bed. Increasingly we are seeing very tired children in school. This is obviously not conducive to good learning. Whatever they tell you I can promise you that "everyone else" is not doing it. Most of our children are in bed asleep after reading or having had a lovely story time with Mum or Dad.



Mrs Gallagher

#### **Merit Winners**

#### Congratulations this week to:

Year R – Louis Delaney for improved focus during lesson time & Ava Smith for showing her creative ability in *P.E.* 

Year 1 – Alice Gee for sharing her wonderful knowledge of the solar system with the class & Scarlett Walker for wonderful RE work telling us about the special people that help in Church.

Year 2 – **Paige Kay** for super sentence writing & **James Taylor** for excellent problem solving in Maths.

Year 3 – **Ethan Cavill** for being such a good role model at swimming **& Christian Bly** for showing high levels of focus in all curriculum areas.

Year 4 – **Harvey Elsdon** for trying really hard in all lessons and never giving up & **James Graham** for super work on 'area' during maths.

Year 5 – **Harvey Livesey** being a superb pupil and representing our school in such a positive light, when at All Hallows & Lewis Singleton for always having a smile on his face and brightening up our day.

Year 6 – Alfie Ramm for consistently trying his best in every lesson & Libby Shaw for her fantastic 'wiszniewski-inspired' portrait of Lady Macbeth.

## **Donations Please**

Please could we have donations of any cardboard boxes, clean plastic bottles etc for Y2 Space Rocket D.T. Day on Tuesdy 12<sup>th</sup> February? Thank you.

# Celebration of Friendship

There are only a few tickets remaining for the Celebration of Friendship for Year 5.

# **Achievement Assembly**

Just a reminder that there is no achievement assembly tomorrow.

# **PTFA Bags to School**

There is a 'Bags to School' collection on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. If anyone is planning on having a clear out over the half term, please keep all shoes, clothes, bags, belts etc for this collection as any proceeds will go to the PTFA for school. Thank you.

## 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	fast
Year 1	quick
Year 2	speedy
Year 3	rapid
Year 4	nimble
Year 5	blistering
Year 6	breakneck
Adult	lissome

