

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School

Thursday 21st December 2017

Collective Worship

Theme: Do more people need help at Christmas time?

The Christmas break can be a wonderful time for many, a happy time spent opening presents and having fun with family, but for some, it can be a lonely and difficult time. We can all play a part in helping others less fortunate and know that even small actions can make a big difference.

Staying safe online



As the festive season gets underway, many children and young people may receive gifts they can use to go online so it is a good opportunity to give some thought to how we can support them to stay safe whilst having fun. Gifts such as **Tablets, Gaming Consoles or Smartphones** can all be used to go online so it is important to think ahead about what safety features are available and set them up in advance. Our colleagues at the UK Safer Internet Centre have some very useful checklists with things to consider when choosing different devices:



Tablets - http://bit.ly/uksic_tablets

Gaming Consoles - http://bit.ly/uksic_gaming

Smartphones - http://bit.ly/uksic_phones

Tip: The Safer Internet Centre also has some excellent advice in their **Parents' Guide to Technology** and includes device-specific settings for different models:

www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology

Absences

Please remember that all absences can be recorded on Parentmail and the office will then notify the relevant class teacher and update the registers.

School Holiday Authorisation

Parents are reminded to not book holidays before asking. All information and forms can be found in the Parent Information section of the school website. Leave will only be authorised for truly exceptional circumstances.

Carols Around the Tree

All parents are welcome to our Carols around the Tree tomorrow at 2.30pm. This is a collective worship and a chance for us to slow down and reflect on what Christmas is all about.

After School Clubs

Just a reminder that following Christmas all after school clubs will commence on **Monday 15th January 2018** apart from Football on a Monday, Zumba and Multi Sports on a Wednesday, these clubs will start on **Monday 8th January 2018**.

School Meals

We will be on week 1 of the menu when we return on Monday 8th January 2018.

Christmas Holidays

Please note that school will close tomorrow at the usual time of 3.15pm for the Christmas holidays. Thank you to our amazing staff and the PTFA for ensuring that this Christmas season in school has been wonderful. I hope you all have a wonderful time this Christmas. School will reopen again on Monday 8th January at 8.50am.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D. Gallagher

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Aine Gallagher'.

Headteacher

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Alex Williams

Alfie Kevill

Ava Cross

Samuel Kolacz

Ellen Fowler

Lauren Clarke



The Merit Winners



Well done everyone!





Well done to Merit Winners!



Year R: Elsie Cross for focusing really well during our Nativity Play & Koben Fowler-Moore for trying 100% in everything he does.

Year 1: Rhys Roberts for trying hard to make good choices & Oliver Baldwin for trying hard to read with confidence.



Year 2: Annabel Roberts for excellent written sentences using exciting words and good punctuation & Joshua Lee for a lovely clear expressive voice in our school play.

Year 3: Oliver Delaney for excellent participation in dance sessions & Racheal Maduka for answering well in RE and writing a thoughtful diary from Mary's point of view.



Merit Winners

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Year 4: Lauren Clarke for putting in 100% effort in all her lessons & Scarlett Cooper for a super and enthusiastic approach in her reading.

Year 5: Matthew Howarth for being a star pupil throughout Term 1 & Evelyn Leung for always being focused in class and showing excellent behaviour, at all times.

Year 6: Charlotte Hesketh for her perseverance to grasp ratio and proportion in Maths & Isaac Whittle for just being Isaac – level headed, super role model and all round good egg.



DIARY DATES

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| Thursday 21 st December | 6.30pm | Carol Service |
| Friday 22 nd December | 2.30pm | Carols around the tree |
| Friday 22 nd December | 3.15pm | School closes for Christmas |
| Monday 8 th January | | School re-opens |
| Monday 15 th January | 5.00pm | Gov's SEC Committee Meeting |
| Thursday 18 th January | 6.00pm | Year 6 SATS meeting for parents |
| Monday 22 nd January | AM | School Nurse – Vision, height & weight YR&6 |
| Monday 22 nd January | 5pm | Gov's SEC (data) Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday 24 th January | 2.45pm | Year 2 Class Assembly |
| Friday 26 th January | All Day | Year 5 Taster Day – All Hallows |
| Monday 29 th January | 9.15am | Neighbourhood School Talk – Y3 |
| Monday 29 th January | 9.15am | Neighbourhood School Talk – Y6 |
| Monday 29 th January | 6.30pm | PTFA Meeting |
| Wednesday 31 st January | 2.45pm | Year 1 Class Assembly |
| Monday 5 th February | 5pm | Govs – Resources Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday 7 th February | 2.45pm | RE Celebration: Theme Community (Y1, 3 & 5) |
| Thursday 8 th February | | PTFA Disco |
| Friday 9 th February | 3.15pm | School closes for half term |
| Monday 19 th February | | School re-opens |
| Monday 26 th February | 4.30pm | Admissions Committee Meeting |
| Monday 26 th February | 5pm | Full Governing Body Meeting |
| Wednesday 28 th February | 2.45pm | Year R Class Assembly |
| Wednesday 28 th February | | Celebration of Friendship |
| Wednesday 7 th March | 2.45pm | Year 6 Class Assembly |
| Friday 9 th March | 9-11am | Mother's Day Gifts |
| Wednesday 14 th March | 2.45pm | RE Celebration Theme: Relating (Y2 & 4) |
| Thursday 15 th March | 1-7pm | Parent's Evening |
| Wednesday 21 st March | 2.45pm | Year 5 Class Assembly |
| Wednesday 28 th March | 2.45pm | Year 4 Class Assembly |
| Thursday 29 th March | 9am | Easter Bonnet Parade |
| Thursday 29 th March | 3.15pm | School Closes for Easter |
| Monday 16 th April | | School re-opens |
| Monday 23 rd April | 5pm | Resources Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday 25 th April | 2.45pm | RE Celebration – Theme: Giving (Y1, 3 & 5) |

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| Tuesday 8 th May | | Year 6 All Hallows Parent's Meeting |
| Wednesday 9 th May | 2.45pm | Year 3 Class Assembly |
| Friday 11 th May | 8am | Rise and Shine Jog |
| Monday 14 th May | 5pm | Govs SEC Committee Meeting |
| Monday 14 th – Thurs 17 th May | | SAT's week |
| Wednesday 16 th May | 2.45pm | Year 1 Class Assembly |
| Wednesday 23 rd May | 2.45pm | RE Celebration Theme: Serving (Y2 & 4) |
| Wednesday 23 rd May | 3.15pm | Finish half term |
| Monday 4 th June – Wed 6 th June | | Residential trip to Borwick Hall |
| Monday 4 th June | | School re-opens |
| Thursday 7 th June | 9.30am | Celebration Mass |
| Wednesday 13 th June | 2.45pm | Year 2 Class Assembly |
| Wednesday 20 th June | 2.45pm | Year R Class Assembly |
| Monday 18 th June – Thurs 21 st June | | Y6 Bikeability |
| Friday 22 nd June | All Day | School Games Day |
| Wednesday 27 th June | 2.45pm | RE Celebration Theme: Inter-Relating |
| Friday 29 th June | All Day | Year 6 Taster Day – All Hallows |
| Monday 9 th July | 5pm | Full Governing Body Meeting |
| Wednesday 11 th July | 6.30pm | KS2 Production |
| Thursday 12 th July | 6.30pm | KS2 Production |
| Wednesday 18 th July | 2.15pm | Leavers Mass- whole school |
| Thursday 19 th July | 2pm | Whole School Final Assembly |
| Friday 20 th July | 9.15am | Leavers Assembly |
| Friday 20 th July | 3.15pm | School closes for summer |