

# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



*Nurturing Hearts and Minds*

## Worship Reflection

There are many different illnesses, some are more serious than others and can affect us all in different ways. We can help to protect each other and reduce the spread of illness.

**God Our Father,**

*We thank you for the resources of the world, and for the many goods available to us. Grant us wisdom and restraint in our spending and consumption, grant us inspiration in the re-use and recycling of resources. Bless those who collect our waste and those who work to recycle it Lord in your mercy*

**Amen.**

## Birthdays this week

*Happy birthday this week to Samuel D, Ralph S & Harry K.*

### School Meals

**A simplified menu will be available from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021. There will be 2 choices available  
Soup / Sandwich / Dessert  
Jacket potato / Dessert.**

**We have been advised that this menu will be for approx. 3 weeks, but we will keep you updated.**

### Year 6 - High school applications.

**Just a reminder that applications for a place at High school need to be submitted to Lancashire County Council by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Link below:**

[School admissions - Lancashire County Council](#)

It is becoming apparent that this year is not going to be without its challenges. This week we have no less than five members of staff with Covid positive children at home. We are following the guidance and not isolating these members of staff but obviously they need to make sure their children are looked after and it does mean a certain amount of disruption. I am so grateful to the family members of staff who do so much to support us by doing more than their fair share of the child care.

We have several pupils absent this week with Covid. Over 25% of our staff have now had Covid and we need to prepare ourselves for more with staff members children testing positive. We are testing regularly but further disruption through the winter seems inevitable. We are doing our best to ensure that we give quality teaching across the school constantly but there will be times when staff are spread so thin it won't be as wonderful as we would like it to be, or as it usually is. I am very grateful that we are not in an OFSTED window and feel greatly for those schools that are. I am in danger of turning this into a political rant so I will stop there.

Thank you so much for being so understanding about the reduced menu. I have to say that the ladies in the kitchen have been amazing. Mrs Pill has been off with a broken foot and Lisa our temporary cook has really been presented with so many difficulties. She has remained positive and creative and goes to all lengths to make sure the children have something to eat that they enjoy. We are so lucky.

I am very grateful for your wonderful children too who have this week been positively recognised for caring for others. Mrs Woosey has sprained her ankle and has had so many children doing jobs for her and making her feel cared for. Next week we are focussing on being helpful which is an extension of this.

Have a great weekend, Mrs Gallagher