

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

There are different reasons why animals are kept in captivity, we should do our own research so we are able to make informed decisions about the places we visit and the actions we take to stand up for what we think it right.

God our Creator,

Help us to love all creatures as family, all animals as partners on Earth, all birds as messengers of praise, all small beings as expressions of your mysterious design, and all frogs as voices of hope. Amen.

British Value: Democracy

Big Question: Should we be allowed to swim with dolphins?

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to: Charlie M, Elsie C, Charlie H, Ava S & Freya C.

School Meals

We will be on Week 3 of the new menu next week.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated money for the Children in Need biscuits made on Friday. We raised an amazing £168.12.

Donations

Year 3 are collecting well washed sardine tins for their Mini Vinnies Christmas decoration project. If you have any, please can you send them into school? Thank you.

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and the excitement starts to mount as we get ready for Christmas. The theme of the first week of advent is Hope and in assembly today I tell the story of the three trees who all hope to grow up to be something amazing. The first hopes to be used as a treasure chest and ends up being made into a manger, the second hopes to grow up to be a strong large boat that carries royalty but ends up being a fishing boat, the third wants to be the tallest tree that everyone sees but is felled to make a cross. Of course the three trees end up being far more special than they hoped to be, as they all end up carrying Jesus at different times of his life. Ask your children if they can remember the story.

We hope for many things in life and yet as we get older we realise that money, power and prestige are so unimportant compared to living a good life, appreciating it and knowing God. It is lovely to get ready for Christmas celebrations but let's make sure that we know what we are preparing for.

A lovely idea for Advent is a kindness calendar. Maybe you could encourage the children to do a kindness act before they open their chocolate calendar. I have suggested it in assembly today so hopefully you will have some helpful children to help you through December.

Thank you for all your kind offerings for our Rainbow treat hampers. Mrs Marshall is doing her crafty magic on them to make them look amazing. Raffle tickets are £1 each and you can buy as many as you like, as often as you like. Just please make sure your money comes in envelopes clearly marked *Raffle*. If you would like tickets for other family members, please make sure their names are on the envelope so they go on the ticket. Thank you, as ever, for your support.

Have a good weekend, Mrs Gallagher



To ensure you have a place for the Magical Christmas Drive Thru can you please return the form asap? The slots are for the drive thru and for walkers also. Please just confirm on the form the time slot you prefer and the PTFA will contact you with your allocated time in due course. Thank you.

Please remember that the disco has now been moved to Thursday 16th December. KS1 will be at 5-6pm, Years 3 & 4 will be 6.15- 7.15pm & Years 5 & 6 will be 7.30-8.30pm.

Medicine in school.

If you would like us to administer medicine to your child during the school day, please can you ensure that you have completed the medical consent form, which can be found in the school foyer or downloaded from our website. We will not be able to give your child any medicine without written permission from a parent / carer.

Please could we also ask that all medication is handed directly to an adult, along with the completed consent form and not put in your child's bag. Thank you.