

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

All of our lives are different. From the food we eat, to the technology we use and the homes we live in. Although there is no right way to live, we must remember that our actions and choices affect others and the world around us.

Heavenly Father,

We pray today that we will appreciate the simple things in life, the rainbow across the clouds, the butterfly and its beauty, the rose in the garden, the birds of the air, the horse grazing on the fields. I pray today that we will appreciate that we were able to afford to eat when others could not, that we were able to get up this morning when others could not. I pray that we will appreciate the seasons, the sun shining and giving brightness, the moon shining, giving light, the rain falling, making our crops grow so we can have food to eat. I pray that the light of God will shine upon us as we take the time to appreciate the work of His creation. God bless us as we appreciate each moment of everyday. Amen.

British Value: Mutual Respect

Big Question: Is the world a better place when we live a more natural life?

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to: Ethan C & JF.

School Meals

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

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.

Drumming Club

If you registered initial interest in the drumming club can you please make sure that you have booked a slot for your child so that we can pass all the details onto the drumming instructor.

This Sunday's gospel tells of how John the Baptist prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. In this the Second Sunday of Advent we consider how we can prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and this week our theme is Peace. Teaching the children about having peace in their heart is tricky because it is something most of us find very difficult. Having peace in our heart means being able to forgive totally, filling your heart with God's love. That state of peace is something for us all to aim for and the closer we get the happier we become.

This week the children in Year 5 enjoyed their First Reconciliation and have learned to understand how to say sorry and enjoy God's forgiveness. They have taken an enormous step forward in their quest for a peaceful heart. Congratulations to them, they were a credit to themselves. Thank you to the Year 5 staff team, Father Roy, Father Michael and the catechists for preparing them so well.

In our assembly today our children have learned about the moment in the First World War when the English and German armies stopped fighting and came together to enjoy a game of football. A real moment of peace on Christmas Day. Speak to your children and see if they can tell you where this happened and in what year.

The colour raffle hampers are looking amazing. In fact, there will be around 20 hampers as parents and staff have been so generous. We will draw the raffle in assembly on Friday 13th December. Tickets are £1 each, please send money in envelopes with the buyer's name on. Good luck to you all.

The school website has had a revamp; we think it looks so much better. The news items you get on the app are featured on the front page now so it constantly changes. Take a look [here](#).

Have a good weekend, Mrs Gallagher.



We look forward to seeing you all tonight for the Magical Christmas Drive Thru . Please try to stick to your time slot and remember to come prepared-there will be extra things on sale to make the night even more memorable. The money raised will be used to buy some new iPads and to pay for ukulele lessons for Year 4. (We do this every year).

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.



Once again, Christmas has arrived early in school thanks to the generosity of Vinny, step dad to Oliver Snape in Year 4. Each child has been gifted a tub of chocolates and they will be sent home to enjoy with their families at Christmas. Such a generous gesture, thank you so much Vinny.