

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

Virtual reality can provide opportunities for interactions that feel similar to real life. It's important for us to know and understand the difference between what's real and what isn't.

Heavenly Father,

You have given us the skills and ability to create technology. Please help us to use this for good and not become addicted to technology. May we use technology and our time wisely as a means to communicate your message of love to the world.

Amen

British Value: Tolerance

Big Question: Do we need to create a virtual universe?

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to: Tyler H, Noah B, Scarlet H, Hannah T.Q, Jacob K, Faye R.

School Meals

We will be on Week 2 of the new menu next week. Just a reminder that it will be the Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 15th December.

Nasal Flu Spray

For the children who didn't get the nasal flu spray it will be available again on Tuesday 14th December. If you would like your child to have it, can you please contact the office in order for a permission form to be sent home to complete. They will not administer it without one. Thankyou.

Job at School

We are currently advertising for a wonderful person to join our staff team to support a SEND child. Details can be found on the LCC jobs page and here on our school website. [St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School - Jobs \(st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk\)](https://st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk)

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent and the theme is Love. In Sunday's gospel John the Baptist tells the people that to prepare for the coming of Jesus we must show love and mercy. Mercy is hard thing for children to grasp. We have talked about forgiveness, about letting things go and not judging. I was speaking to a very upset lady a few days ago who is a wonderful parent of a child with special needs. The child could not cope with being on a bus and was very vocally upset. The situation was made much more stressful for that Mum as she heard people on the bus tutting. Oh I really wish I had been there!! But we do all judge to some extent without fully knowing the situation. We can all develop our virtue of mercy. My experience earlier in the week gave me the confidence to approach another stressed out Mum of a screaming child in the supermarket and smile and say "We have all been there, you are doing a great job of being patient and calm." She smiled gratefully. I know I risked her thinking I was being patronising but it was worth the risk. I can honestly say that as I get older I have certainly got less judgemental and treat people more mercifully. However it is something I need to constantly work on and will be on the resolution list again next year.

Thank you so much for all your CAFOD donations and for buying raffle tickets for the Rainbow raffle. All winners from today's assembly will be contacted. We have been absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity and are so grateful for all the money raised for school. I am sure there will be many families in Africa grateful for their gifts. We will let you know what each class has bought.

Mrs Gallagher.



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.

Class Christmas Parties

Year R – Wednesday

Joint Year 3 & Year 4 – Thursday

Year 1 – Monday

Joint Year 5 & Year 6 – Wednesday

Year 2 – Monday

Children may come to school on party days in their own clothes. A separate ParentMail email will be sent to you by your child's class teacher giving you more information.

Christmas Jumper day will be Wednesday 15th December 2021. Please can children wear school uniform (unless it is your child's class party day), but you can swap their usual school jumper / cardigan for a Christmas jumper. Thank you.