

# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



*Nurturing Hearts and Minds*

## Worship Reflection

There are many charities and volunteers who have put themselves in danger to protect pets and other animals in Ukraine. It's important to remember that when we keep animals as pets, they are reliant on us to protect and take care of them.

Heavenly Father,

Sometimes people forget that we are not the only living creatures on this planet. We pray that more people will be aware that just like humans, animals also have feelings. Help us to make fair and ethical decisions to support animals across the world. Thank you Lord for blessing us with the gift of living with all the animals of the Earth.

Amen.

*Happy birthday this week to: Joshua K.*

## School Meals

We will be on **Week 1 of the new menu** on our return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## Levy

The school building levy is now due. It is a just a voluntary contribution annually of £10 per family. You will find it in your shopping basket in Parentmail.

Many of my remaining blogs will be indulgent nostalgic trips over the last eleven years. In Sunday's gospel we are St Peter is asked three times to say that he loves Jesus. In this story Jesus is giving Peter a chance to strengthen his commitment to Him after having denied Him three times. Being a witness to God means that we need to be seen doing God's work so we can spread the Good News.

Throughout my time here I have seen so many selfless acts of love by the children, their parents and the staff: Having their hair cut off for cancer patients, doing amazing sponsored events, contacting friends daily who are off long term sick or going through a bereavement, giving endless food and monetary donations to different causes, giving time to volunteer in school.

My greatest memory of witness about St Mary Magdalen's is the way the whole community wraps its arms around a child who needs love and understanding. Throughout my time here we have had children who have been let down by their own parents and put in the care of someone else. Understandably these children are often frightened and angry and will lash out. The same goes for the children who have additional needs that affect their behaviour. In recent years I have not had a parent demand that a child is excluded for behaviour or even challenged how we are handling a child's needs. That is a very different situation to 2011 when I had a number of parents wanting to tell me how to run the school. I know a lot of that is about learning to trust me but I also think people are just genuinely more kind. I have told you many times how blessed I feel to have such a supportive school community and I really do mean it, it has made the tough times much more doable.

Happy bank holiday weekend, Mrs Gallagher

## PTFA Notices

### Sponsored Jog: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Children will bring home a sponsor form next week for the jog. The jog will be on the field from 8am and children can have their breakfast afterwards in the school hall. Parents are welcome to stay and watch the jog and then escort the children up to the school hall. Parking will be available on the playground. Children may wear what they like to do their jog but must put uniform on after breakfast.

PTFA will provide milk and toast but donations of packets of cereal would be gratefully received. Thank you for your support with this.

### Jubilee Summer Fair: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June

#### How can you help?

Man a stall for a set time slot

Help set everything up or tidy away at the end

Donate prizes

Bake cakes

Find a band or singers that will perform for free

Support the Jubilee Fair and bring people along

*Please consider doing something to make this a memorable day.*



## Sports Days

Unfortunately we are going to have to change the date of Sports Day and make it earlier. Mrs Wallace is taking the Year 4 children on a school trip on 7<sup>th</sup> July as it was the only date available. We are going to split the two elements of sports day (the races and the team games) onto two different dates. This was because last year (when parents were not allowed to attend due to Covid) we organised the races a little differently which meant everyone did a bit more racing. Obviously this took longer but we feel it worked much better. Parents are welcome at both events. So the dates and details are as follows.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Races.** Infants 9.15-10.30 Year 3/4 10.30-11.45 Year 5/6  
1.30-3.00pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July –House Team Games** for whole school. Picnic lunch for families on field at 12.00pm followed by whole school event at 1.00pm.