

# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



*Nurturing Hearts and Minds*

## Worship Reflection

Our words can be incredibly powerful. They can bring joy or sadness to those around us; they even have the power to change the world. Freedom of expression means we are able to say what we want, whilst remembering to think about how our words impact others.

Dear Holy Lord,

I have a lot to be thankful for. I pray to ask for your wisdom and your help in controlling what I say to others. I ask for guidance to deal with bad situations kindly and gracefully. Help me not to be defensive. Help me not to respond in anger. Be with me, give me patience, and help me show your love to others.

Amen.

**Happy birthday** this week to: Aurora M & Artur L.

## School Meals

We will be on **Week 2 of the new menu** next week.

## 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.

Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. In worship we have reflected on all the qualities a good shepherd needs to have and how that translates into the care God takes of us: How he loves us, protects us and shows us the right way. He also spends a lot of time looking for us when we get lost, as we all do from time to time. So in an attempt to stay on the right path we are going to focus on being very kind. Next week is our Random Acts of Kindness week so expect surprises.

Some of you may know that I was head elsewhere before coming to St Mary Magdalen's. That headship was a pretty lonely experience. I tried to collaborate with local schools but everyone was very busy dealing with their own difficulties within their school context. When I came here I discovered a strong cluster of headteachers, WRIST, who did several things collaboratively. I loved being a part of WRIST from the outset and have enjoyed great support from the other headteachers in that group. I became very active within the group as I spotted an opportunity to be better together in many more respects. A few of us worked very hard to establish networks and a professional development package across the schools that included all staff. I coordinated the professional development package and I am very proud of what we managed to achieve together. It was a huge amount of work but I feel that by doing it I was able to help children in other schools as well as ours and that has kept me very fulfilled. A few years ago we made the decision to appoint a part time business manager between the schools to coordinate everything. That was a big relief! Headteachers have come and gone but the cluster remains strong and I will miss my cluster team of heads. Teamwork really does make the dream work.

Have a good 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.