

# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



*Nurturing Hearts and Minds*

## Worship Reflection

Our differences make us who we are – all of us are unique! Sadly, some people may face challenges and discrimination because of their differences. It is important to celebrate and value the uniqueness of others.

Loving God,

We thank You for we are richly blessed with a world of diversity and beauty. Thank You for giving us opportunities to share and celebrate diversity. As human beings, You have given us minds to explore and learn as we move together through a world of varied cultures, customs and languages. There are estimated to be over seven and a half billion people in the world, and we are all accepted by You. We are all held by your Love. Please fill our hearts with your Love so that your light may shine through each one of us.

Amen.

**Happy birthday** this week to: Jamie F, Annabel S, Harvey W, Olivia D-S, Evelyn L, Alfie D & Louis D.

## School Meals

We will be on **Week 3 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.

## Year 3 – Cake sale for Shelterbox

Year 3 are having a cake sale on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** to raise money for Shelterbox. The cakes will be on sale at playtime for the whole school and will be priced from 50p-£1. If you would like your child to have one please send money in with them on the day. Many thanks for your support.

This week has been kindness week. It has been lovely to hear about all the children who have been being extra kind. "Kindness costs nothing" is such a true phrase. We were saying in the staffroom how great those children who say thank you at the end of the day make you feel. Phil mentioned that Oliver Beckett thanks him at the end of each PE lesson he ever does for him. Such a lovely quality. This Sunday we reflect on the greatest commandment that Jesus gave to us "To love one another as I have loved you." That's an incredibly hard task he has set us as he loved us so much he died for us and some people make it very hard for us to love them. But if we try to see the positive in people rather than dwelling on the negative this task does become slightly easier.

Those who have known me since I started here eleven years ago will not be surprised by this week's memory. In September 2011 I met someone who has been such an incredible influence on my life. Her name was Katy Holmes. She was our head girl. Katy was quiet, unassuming, kind and quite lovely. In late October Katy was sadly diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour. Over the next three months I got to know Katy and her incredible family extremely well and supporting them through this heartbreak was the hardest thing I have had to do as a headteacher. Katy taught us so much: she was brave, she was uncomplaining and throughout all her illness she still thought of other people first. But what I learned from Katy above all things was to keep my faith simple. She had incredible faith and loved to hear the story of St Bernadette. Although this is a very sad memory I feel so blessed that my life was touched by Katy and will treasure her memory always.

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.