

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

Individual Liberty

Everyone has their own responsibilities and duties. Part of these are how we choose to behave and act. We are all responsible for our own actions.

Dear Almighty God,

We thank you for blessing our Queen with long life. We pray that you continue to strengthen her as only you are able to do so that she may continue to reign with love and compassions. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Happy birthday this week to: Sierre-Mae H & happy birthday to Eddie G, Auden B, Finlay T, Koben F-M & Olive Mcs who all have a birthday during the half term break.

School Meals

*We will be on **Week 3 of the menu** after our return from the half term holiday.*

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.

Father's Day

PTFA will be doing a gift shop for Father's Day on Friday 17th June. Details to follow.

Half Term Holiday

Please note that school will close on Friday 27th May at the usual time of 3.15pm and will re-open again on Thursday 9th June.

In his last talk to the disciples before Jesus went back to join his Father He talked to them about the importance of being one with God. In this week's gospel Jesus actually prays for us to find that unity with God as a whole. In worship today we have watched a short reflective video about five children from five different faiths. Although the five lives are culturally very different what is remarkable is how similar children are, especially when they pray. As parents you teach your children respect very well. I know this because ignorance and hatred is taught and our children find it so hard to understand why people can't get on. This week we pray for unity.

A happy highlight this week arising from something sad. Following the heartbreaking loss of Katy Holmes our head girl to cancer in January in 2012 her wonderful family set about fundraising for Brain Tumour research. Among the many things that Katy's mum (Paula) and dad (Dave) organized was a concert at the Guild Hall with Russell Watson. I will never forget my shock when Paula sat in the staffroom and said that Russell wanted to sing with the school choir. The greater shock came when she asked if we would be able to sing Panis Angelicus and Mrs Atkinson said "Yes". But we did! Somehow or other Mrs Atkinson did it and you can hear how beautiful they sounded: [Panis Angelicus - YouTube](#)

I watched from the side of the stage. Russell Watson came off and said to me "You must be so proud." Proud doesn't really cover it. But this was absolutely the highlight of my teaching career and is proof that you can achieve anything if you put your mind to it. But then we had had Katy to inspire us so we shouldn't have been surprised.

Have a lovely half term,

Mrs Gallagher

PTFA Notices



Jubilee Summer Fair: Friday 10th June

How can you help?

- Please let us know if you can help set up, tidy up or run a stall for a set period.
- Please let us know if you can lend us a gazebo
- If you have any new unwanted gifts please send them in to school for the gift tombola.
- Sell raffle tickets- these will be available to order soon on Parentmail but please ask family and friends to buy as the prizes are amazing.
- Send chocolate and/or a bottle on a Dress As You Like day on Friday 27th May (the day we break up for half term)
- Think about what your child might wear on the day (red, white, blue)

Sparkle Bean Charity

You will recall that a primary school in our cluster, Tarleton Primary, lost a child to the MEN bombing in May 2017. Saffie Rose. Mr Upton the headteacher there has set up a charity to help schools when terrible things like this happen. It is called the Sparkle Bean charity. The charity supports schools in two ways following the sudden death of a primary aged pupil. Firstly, through sharing learning. Secondly, by providing small grants to a school for the leadership of that school to use as they see fit. Read more here: [Home - Sparkle Bean](#). Having gone through this ourselves and knowing how much we have needed to support other schools who have gone through similar we know there is little support out there. I am therefore very keen to support fundraising for this charity.

On Friday 8th July we will have an own clothes day to raise funds for Sparkle Bean.

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 7th 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 16th June – Sports Races. Infants 9.15-10.30 Year 3/4 10.30-11.45 Year 5/6 1.30-3.00pm

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