

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

We all have different interests, passions and activities we enjoy doing. There are many ways we can choose to spend our time – on our own completing challenges, playing sports as part of a team, or working with others to improve the world!

Dear God,

We thank you for the Guide and Scout Movement. We thank you for all the children that it has encouraged and helped over 100 years to become good and caring citizens and to have fun and adventure in life. We thank you for all the pack leaders who give up their time every week. Bless the leaders as they plan and carry out activities and adventures for millions of children all around the world.

Amen.

Happy birthday this week to: Isla W, Thomas K, Jenson T, Thomas S, Jake C, Christian B & Finley H.

School Meals

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

Guitars

There are beginner guitar lessons starting in September. Please return your reply slip by **Friday 15th July** if you would like your child to start. Thank you.

Dinner balances

As we are approaching the end of term can you please make sure that your child's dinner account is up to date on Parentmail. If you can make the payment up to and including Wednesday 20th July? Especially Year 6 children please as they are leaving. Thank you.

Bone Cancer Research Trust

Thank you to everyone who has collected stamps for the Bone Cancer Research Trust. Please keep saving them over the summer holidays and send them into school in September.

So many of you have asked if I enjoyed Wimbledon, thank you. It was amazing and lived up to all my expectations. I got to see Kyrios and Nadal play and the sun shone. I feel incredibly grateful to have had such a wonderful experience.

Everything is starting to feel very strange to me now as the end of term gallops towards us. No doubt I will be very distracted with managing our latest bashing from Covid. Please keep an eye out for symptoms. If your child is unwell please test and keep them off for three days if they are positive. We already have three staff down with it.

Thank you to you all for being involved in the parent governor election. We were so lucky to have so many parents willing to take on the role and so many people who cared enough to vote. I am sure Emma and Dan will continue to represent the parental community well on the governing board and with myself and Father Roy leaving it will be good to have that experience going forward. Thank you to all the other candidates, I hope you consider standing again next time.

Mr Dominic Roberts will be stepping down as Chair of Governors soon although he has agreed to stay on as a foundation governor. Dominic is an architect and understands about health and safety and buildings so has proved to be an invaluable governor over the years. At St Mary Magdalen's we have a governing board second to none. They are supportive but challenging and totally committed to the values and vision of our school. Being a governor requires time, dedication and diligence. I feel privileged to have worked alongside such a wonderful collection of individuals. To all governors past and present thank you for all your support and for your total commitment to our children.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Gallagher

Farewell Mass and Assembly

Over the last three years a number of staff have retired without a proper farewell: Mrs Ainscough, Mrs Henry, Mrs Elsdon and Mrs Wadsworth.

Miss McNulty finished at Easter to focus on her other business and a number of us are retiring in the summer: Mrs Di Franco, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Costello and myself.

To give thanks for the careers of all the above we are having a Mass of Farewell on Tuesday 19th July at 6.30pm. We would love it if some children could be there. If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6 you will have received a Parentmail form asking if your child could attend. I appreciate any of you who are allowing your children to come. If any parents wish to attend too you would be welcome. Seating will be reserved for the retirees and their families, staff and governors so please don't be offended if seats are hard to come by. There is also an assembly for me on Tuesday 19th morning at 9.15am. I am really not sure what to expect from that. Parents are also welcome to attend this.

St Mary Magdalen's Summer Sumdog Challenge

Can you answer at least 250 questions on Sumdog this summer holidays? If you do, you will get a bonus 250 coins to spend in the Sumdog shop. Who will get the most questions correct? Each child will get questions that are at their own ability level, so it means that any age of child could win. Everyone who achieves the challenge will get a certificate in September's assembly.

Reception class will get letters home soon with their log in details. If anyone else has forgotten theirs then please email me on jb@st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk or ask your class teacher.

Good luck!

Mrs Briscoe.

Dear Parents & Carers

It is coming up to the time of year again when you may be buying new uniform for your children. It is important that all uniform is labelled so that lost items can be reunited with your child. If you would like to try a time saving alternative to sewing in labels or writing names in clothing with a pen, may we suggest you consider purchasing items from either Stamptastic or Stikins? Leaflets about these companies will be sent home with your child this week.

St Mary Magdalen's PTFA will receive commission for any purchase made from these companies, when you use the following codes:

www.stikins.co.uk please enter fundraiser number **20662**

For Stamptastic, use this dedicated link <https://bit.ly/STAMP19QQ>. Plus, there's an additional £4.99 discount when you order the deluxe bundle using the PTA code **PR19QQ**.

PTFA members have tried and tested these products over the past school year so we can say with confidence that they work well.

Many thanks for your continued support.