

# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



*Nurturing Hearts and Minds*

## Worship Reflection

It is important for us to learn and understand how our actions affect the world around us, this will help us make informed decisions as responsible citizens of the world.

God our Father,

Thank you, Lord God, for the beautiful world you made for us to live in. Please help us to take care of it and think about the things we can reuse. Help us to look after the world well for the people who will live in it after us.

Amen.

**Happy birthday this week to: Paige K.**

## School Meals

We will be on **Week 3 of the menu** next week.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Sparkle Charity

Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation for the dress down in aid of Sparkle Charity. We raised an amazing £207.97.

### Guitar lessons

Beginner guitar lessons will be starting in September. Letters have gone out to the current 2,3,4 & 5 children. If your child would like to join, please return the reply slip by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.

My last newsletter, I can scarcely believe it. Even though I have been preparing for leaving for a year it still feels a little unreal. I walked for two hours with the dog the other night and realized I had thought about school the whole time. I wonder what my head will be filled with after next week. Loose Women and Hello Magazine? I think not. Many of you have asked if I have plans. I do have vague plans to support other headteachers and offer some training to schools. It will be very part time though and I will be allowing myself the luxury of term time holidays.

I have already had so many cards, emails, surprise visitors and gifts from very kind people. The truth is though the greatest gift I have had is the time I have had at Mary Magdalen's. I consider myself so lucky to have led such a wonderful school for eleven years. People often talk about the family feel to the school and it really is very much a school family where children are loved and cared for and where talented staff encourage and inspire the children to be the best they can be.

Over the years the staff team has evolved and grown. Supporting other schools, training student teachers and the growth of Children's Club has provided school with the resources to increase the number of teaching assistants and special needs assistants. I consider that the appointments I have made to that staff team and their development are my greatest achievements. I can honestly say this staff team are the most talented I have worked with but also the kindest and the most fun. I will miss them greatly but know that we will stay in touch.

Mrs McKinnon is very much looking forward to taking over as headteacher in September and I know that this wonderful staff will support her and continue to work just as hard for each and everyone of your children. I know that the parental community will also welcome her warmly.

Thank you for your love and support over the years. I wish you and your children health, happiness and success. May God bless you all.

Diane 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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.