



St Mary Magdalen's

Newsletter

23rd September 2022

REFLECTION

We make hundreds of decisions a day, which impact the world around us. It's important to think carefully about the consequences of these and the imprint they will leave.

Dear God, thank you for this beautiful planet. Bless it and keep it safe from harm. We pray for people to make environmentally friendly choices and consider the long term future of our world. May we care for all you have made. Help us to love the Earth as you do. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



A huge thank you to all of our parents who completed the parent survey – we have a total of 76 responses – for which I am very grateful. I have already started to act upon some of the help that you have given and will update all parents soon! Thank you!

As a result of the Education White Paper published last term, we now have a new attendance policy which will be ratified imminently by Governors, but with immediate effect, Lancashire County Council will send out warning letters and fines for holidays in school time. The Government have given all schools a very clear directive that they do not want children to have more time away from education, so please bear this in mind. Next year's holidays have to be published by mid-February, but we will not be in school before 4th September 2023 – this should help to keep summer holiday costs down.

As a response from parents – all termly Toolkits will be available on Monday by 5pm on Teams – so you can watch multiple times and at a time that suits you. Y5 will also have a physical meeting at 3:30 due to the imminent residential trip to Castlerigg! The information will also be on teams for those who can't make it! I look forward to meeting many of you next Friday at the Macmillan Coffee morning.

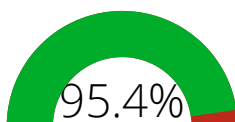
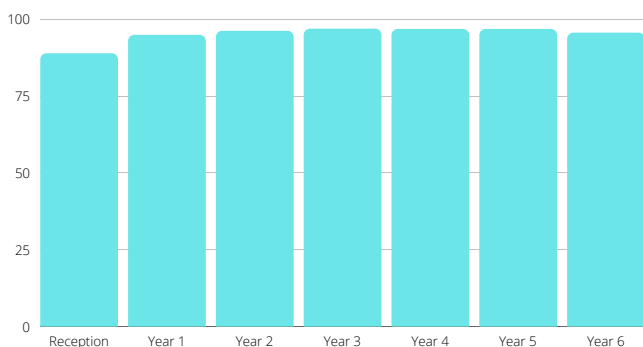
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Nyla Q
Ranulph C
Oliver S
Annie T
Olivia C



Reminder: Parents' coffee morning for Macmillan next Friday morning! 9-10 Pupils will enjoy juice and cake in their class. Donations of cakes very welcome!

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



SCHOOL MEALS

Week 1 next week

PARENTMAIL

Please pay for school dinners in advance.



FOODBANK

Friday 9:30 – 12:00
Penwortham Community Centre

FOODBANK COLLECTION...

.. please 'pop' a tin into the collection in the School Office, if you are able to do so.

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR

26/9 European Day of Languages – morning snack provided for ALL pupils

26/9 Termly Toolkit (via Teams)

26/9 3:30pm Y5 Termly Toolkit (& also via Teams)

27/9 Girls' Football competition

28/9 6pm Y5/6 Parents' meeting with All Hallows

30/9 Macmillan Coffee Morning 9–10am

5–7/10 Y5 to Castlerigg

17/10 Y6 Taster Day – All Hallows

BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: 'Listening to others'.

This is an area that I need to practice what I preach! I am increasingly frustrated by people who are distracted by their phone whilst I am talking. Equally though, I often find myself doing exactly the same. Hearing is a very different thing to listening.

This week I am asking all grown ups to try this at home – then we can show our children how we would like to be listened to! (Especially when it comes to tidying bedrooms or clearing the table)! So I am going to try:

- keeping eye contact
- removing distractions (like phones, tablets...)
- keeping an open mind



COME FOR COFFEE

IT'S FOR MACMILLAN

For parents and friends in the School Hall

FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022 – 9.00AM-10.00AM



We are holding a coffee morning on Friday 30th September in aid of Macmillan. We would be very grateful for a donation of baked or bought cakes on the day.

Pupils will share juice and cake with their friends in class.

donation of 50p per child would be very much appreciated towards a cake and a drink.

We look forward to seeing you all.