



St Mary Magdalen's

Newsletter

25th November 2022

REFLECTION

The World Cup is a sports tournament watched by billions of people around the world. It provides an opportunity for us to learn about other countries and cultures.

God Our Father,
Help us to use the World Cup to become more aware of different countries and cultures around the world. Help us to be better educated and use this knowledge wisely to promote human rights across the world.
Amen.



Advent - a time of HOPE and WAITING, but always a time when we are rushing round to make sure that we have everything needed. In assembly today, pupils have been very vocal about what 'having hope means' - ensuring that we are optimistic; welcoming others and being joyful at the thought of sharing God's immeasurable gift with the rest of the world at Christmas. It is a privilege to work in a primary school at this time of year, but it is also the busiest, most hectic (and most tiring). Please bear with us.

I am really looking forward to all of our festivities and we are doing all we can to ensure that every parent is kept fully informed, but it is not always easy.

This week I have welcomed a representative from LCC Traffic department to school who has been shocked at the parking situation outside of school. She has taken all of my thoughts, comments and concerns back to City Hall, and we hope to see some action soon. She was extremely impressed about the opening of the playground to accommodate parents' cars. I have never seen the playground full, so please can I ask that if anyone is picking up, they do not arrive before 3pm - we will not open the gates until 3pm. Even if you arrive then, you still have a 15 minute wait until your child(ren) is dismissed from class. On 3 occasions this week, early arrivals have blocked Leyland Rd - this is not fair on the rest of the local community - I have a list of complaints to deal with.

As part of our preparation for Christmas during Advent, we are trialing a 'posada' visiting in each class and into some homes, please welcome the family with a sense of hope, joy, peace and love.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

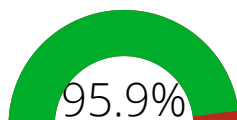
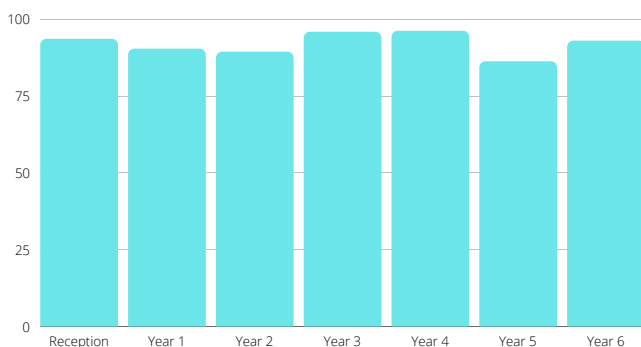
Charlie M
Freya C

Elsie C

Ava S



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



SCHOOL MEALS

Week 1 of the menu next week.

PARENTMAIL

Please complete the form Re Christmas Craft Breakfast & Nativity tickets for KS1

FOODBANK

Friday 9:30 – 12:00
Penwortham Community Centre



AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR

28/11 Last day closes 3pm to order
KS1 Nativity tickets

30/11 Nativity Photos

1/12 Xmas jumper day for chocolate
for tombola

5/12 9-10am R,Y1,Y2 Christmas Crafts

5/12 2pm KS1 Nativity – Parents
welcome

6/12 6pm KS1 Nativity – Parents
welcome

8/12 9-10am Y3, Y4 Christmas Crafts

8/12 Own clothes day for bottle for
tombola

8/12 Magical Christmas Evening

9/12 9-10am Y5, Y6 Christmas Crafts

13/12 6pm Christmas Carol Concert
(Church) – Y3&Y4 Parents welcome

14/12 School Christmas Dinner

14/12 Choir @ Penwortham Xmas
Market 6pm

16/12 last day of term 1:45 finish

03/01 School term begins 8.40am

BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: hope

'Waiting with a sense of anticipation' does not come easily nowadays – even our Christmas shopping can be done at the click of a button and can arrive the very next day in some cases, so the build up to Christmas is really important.

The journey that we take over the next weeks – with hope, peace, love and joy ensures that we are ready to welcome the 'stranger' into our home and share God's love. Children tend to be very optimistic and enjoy sharing their kindness and love, with a wish for a better world.

SPORTS CORNER:

We have a display in school for pupils to share their sporting accomplishments outside of school – please do send photographs in – physical or via email. Thanks

We are awaiting news from South Ribble about clubs for next term, but the extra-curricular programme should be release next week and will start from 9th January.

We have signed a pledge for more girls to be involved in football this year, so watch this space for some exciting times ahead!





Magical Christmas Evening



CHOCABOLA

**SANTA'S
GROTTO**

REFRESHMENTS

Hot Dogs, Vegetarian Hot Dogs, Mince Pies,
Tea, Coffee, Sweets, Soft Drinks

RAFFLE

BOTTLEBOLA

**CRAFT
ACTIVITIES**

**CHRISTMAS
STALLS**



Thursday
8th December, 6–8pm

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School

Buller Avenue, Penwortham



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