



**ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL  
PENINSULA CAMPUS  
Spring 2022 Newsletter – Number 1**



**Welcome Back**

We hope you all had the needed rest over the Christmas break and enjoyed some quality family time.

**WE CONTINUE LOOKING AT THE BIBLE AND THIS HALF TERM WE WILL BE THINKING ABOUT EPIPHANY.**

**"Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you " Isaiah 60:1**

**A BIG THANK YOU**

**For your cards and lovely Christmas gifts to the staff - we appreciate your kindness and are grateful for your generosity. At certain times of year, particularly at Christmas and July it has become a tradition for parents and children to buy gifts for school staff. The staff are mindful of the thought that goes into the gifts and messages of thanks. While all gifts will be received with sincere appreciation and gratitude, they are not expected. Working with your children and families is a reward we are privileged to have.**

**A WARM WELCOME TO**

Miss O'Donohue – Orchard Class Teaching Assistant  
Miss St Marie – Learning Support Assistant

**LEADERSHIP TEAM**

If you need to talk to a member of the leadership team, we are always happy to help. We are available in the mornings and afternoons when we are on the gate. If this is not a good time for you then please telephone the school office to make a convenient appointment time or we can speak on the telephone. Mrs. Ajayi, the Deputy Headteacher is available each day. Our Assistant Headteachers Mrs. Badesha as well as Mrs. Eggleston and Ms. Hoon our Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion are also available on different days throughout the week, when not teaching. Mrs. McCullough our Federation Deputy Headteacher is also available most days. Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Wainwright (the Federation Executive Co-headteachers) will continue to share their time between Christ Church school, St Mary Magdalene Woolwich and the Peninsula campus. Please ask in the office if you would like to speak to a specific person and Mrs. Shanahan can always let them know.

**THE START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

Gates open for drop off between 8.40 am and 8.55 am for all pupils. Please try not to arrive too early as we cannot open the gate until 8.40am. Pupils should be collected promptly at the end of the day at **3.10 pm**. Please ensure your child's pick-up arrangements are communicated with the school. Reception pupils are dismissed from the classroom gates and Year 1 - 6 pupils line up and are dismissed from the MUGA pitch.

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

We would like to encourage 100% attendance and welcome your support with this. Children, who are not in school by **8.50 am**, miss out on the essential information that class teachers give their children, as well as the settling down time each morning. Over the last term, Sanders class had the best attendance with 97.1%. Talbot and Elliott were 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with 96.5% and 96.4% respectively.

**SCHOOL DINNERS**

School dinners are FREE to all children in year groups Reception, 1 and 2. Please take up this opportunity. Dinners are prepared and cooked fresh each day in our own kitchen.

If your child is in Year 3 - 6, then the cost of a school dinner is **£2.75 a day**. All dinners must be paid for in advance. School dinners cost **£13.75** a week which is  
1<sup>st</sup> half term = £79.75  
2<sup>nd</sup> half term = £82.50  
The total for the whole term is £162.25

**PACKED LUNCH**

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure it is healthy and does not include nuts, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. All packed lunch bags should be well labelled. Packed lunches should be placed on the lunchbox trolley in the morning and they will be stored in a **fridge** prior to lunchtime. If you have packed a hot meal for your child do ensure it is labelled as such so it is not put in the fridge. **If your child wishes to change from packed lunch to school dinners, please ensure you let the school office know. This is to ensure all children receive a meal.**

**BIRTHDAY CAKE/PARTY BAGS**

We will **not** be distributing party bags or birthday cake to celebrate pupil birthdays. If your child has a birthday and you are looking to provide the class with a treat, why not buy a book for the class - inscribed with their name!

**UNIFORM**

PLEASE ENSURE **ALL** CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. As the weather has got much colder, do ensure your child has on layers to keep them warm. Please can every child come to school in the correct uniform.

**PE KIT**

We ask that pupils wear white t- shirts, dark-coloured shorts and trainers/plimsolls for PE. Please ensure children bring their kit, in a bag, every Monday and take it home on Friday for washing. Every pupil who is in school is expected to do PE.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

After school club is completely staffed and managed by Simply Play. Payments need to be made directly to the after-school staff – **NOT** the school office. Parents/carers will need to contact Simply Play directly for questions relating to spaces.  
Contact: **Matthew Johnson**  
Telephone: **020 3478 8567**



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**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Please see Mrs. Shanahan if your child requires a place.

**IDLING AND PARKING**

We encourage our families to use public transport as there are no drop off points for cars or any parking spaces. The ANPR camera system is activated 24 hours a day and enforcement teams are also out. Any car parked on Neal Street or Hendon Street without a permit will be issued with a £100 fine. While there should be no cars parked on Hendon Street, the Highway Code clearly states: "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road." ...Idling is particularly **dangerous** outside schools where young children are especially sensitive to air pollution.



Day	Time	Club	Who is it for?
Monday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Music	Years 1 - 6
Tuesday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	KICK	Years 3 and 4
Thursday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Dance	Years 3 - 6

**YEAR 4 SCHOOL JOURNEY**

Year 4 will be off on their residential trip on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. They will be going to PGL Liddington, Swindon. Year 4 staff will be accompanying the class. Our children will be taking part in a range of activities aimed at developing teamwork, independence and confidence. We know they are going to have a great time!

**RECEPTION ADMISSIONS**

The application window is still open for pupils who are due to start primary school next September (children born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018**).

If you would like to apply for a place for a younger sibling at any of our school sites, please contact any of the school offices. Please note if you attend church, it is very important that you obtain a supplementary form from the office and ask your church leader to write you a clerical reference.

The deadline for applications to be received is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

There are online learning opportunities for your child to engage with that the school subscribe to:

**Education City** (Reception to Year 6) -

<https://www.educationcity.com/parents/>

**Purple Mash** (Reception to Year 6) -

<https://2simple.com/purple-mash/purple-mash-parents/>

**Times Tables Rock Stars** (Year 2 to Year 6) -

<https://trockstars.com/page/parentguide>

**Busy Things** (Reception to Year 2) -

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/families/parent-tools>.

If your child is unsure of their login details, they can get these from their class teacher.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**HALF TERM** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**EARLY CLOSING** – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - school will finish slightly earlier at **3pm** on to enable staff attend Federation training.

**WORLD BOOK DAY:** 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

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**OPEN AFTERNOON** – Details to follow

**EASTER ACTIVITIES** – Details to follow

**EASTER HOLIDAYS:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022. We break up on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. There will be **no** After School Club on this day.

The pupils' first day back to school after the holiday is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**INSET DAYS** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

School will not be open to students on these days.

**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year Everyone!

It was wonderful to celebrate Christmas and watch the fireworks last week and consider what this new year might hold: Hopefully health and happiness.

At this time, we remember EPIPHANY in church. Traditionally it is the time when we remember the visit of the Kings to the Holy Family and the Baby Jesus and their gifts. Gold for a King, Frankincense to worship Jesus as God's son and Myrrh for healing.

We also use this time to bless our homes too. We use chalk to mark a front doorway in our homes:

20+C+M+B+22.

CMB are the initials for the Latin phrase meaning 'Bless This House' and we place these letters between the start and end of 2022.

May your year be blessed,  
may you feel God's blessing close at hand  
and may your goals for this year be fulfilled.  
Amen.

**Rev. Dominic Hubbuck**  
**School Chaplain**

**Koinonia Federation Schools**  
**Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry**