



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



**Welcome Back**

A very warm welcome back to school after the Easter break. I hope you made the best of the break and had a rest.

**WE CONTINUE LOOKING AT THE BIBLE AND THIS HALF TERM WE WILL BE THINKING ABOUT PENTECOST AND THE EARLY CHURCH**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."*  
**Matthew 28:19a**

**THANK YOU**

All the staff would like to thank parents and carers for the on-going support to ensure the safety of our **whole** school community.

**GOODBYES**

We say goodbye to Mrs. Whitbread our Nursery teacher who will be spending time looking after her sons at the end of her maternity leave. Ms Rahman and Miss Smith are off to pursue different careers, while Miss O'Donoghue is moving closer to her family.

**A WARM WELCOME TO**

Ms Trevett (Elliot Class Teacher)  
Ms McAuley (Float Teacher)

**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 - 5 pupils line up and are dismissed from the MUGA pitch, while Year 6 line up round the hill. Please access the MUGA pitch by the double gates and exit using the single gate.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Please see Mrs. Shanahan if you require a place.

**NURSERY CLOSURE**

The Nursery will be closed on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of May as for the first time, due to the increased population on the Greenwich Peninsula additional polling stations are required and our nursery is being used.

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

We would like to encourage 100% attendance and welcome your support with this. Children, who are not in school by **8.55 am**, miss out on the essential information that class teachers give their children, as well as the settling down time each morning.

**SNACKS**

Children in year groups Reception, 1 and 2 will be provided with a piece of fruit each day. Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are permitted to bring in fruit for a snack at break time – no **other** food is allowed.

**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 **£79.70 for Summer 1** and **£170.50** for the whole term.

**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.**

**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.

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### UNIFORM

PLEASE ENSURE **ALL** CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. Lost property will be given to charity at the end of each term! Please can every child come to school in the correct uniform. It has come to our attention that quite a few children are coming to school dressed in items that are not part of the school uniform. Shoes or trainers should be **ALL BLACK** and not have coloured soles or laces.

### HOMEWORK

Homework is very important to consolidate any learning that has been happening in the class. The homework menu is uploaded on Satchel One. Expectations of how many pieces need to be completed is mentioned on menu. Pupils get house points for completed pieces which can be uploaded on to Satchel. Please read with your child regularly and talk to them about the book they are reading. Then sign their reading record each time. Asking them questions about what they are reading will help develop their comprehension.

### PARTY BAGS

If you are looking to provide the class with a treat, on the occasion of your child's birthday, you are welcome to present a book or game inscribed with their name as we will **not** be distributing party bags or birthday cake.

### FRIDAY CELEBRATION WORSHIP

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to our Friday Celebration Worship in Summer 2. More details will be shared before the half term about the rota for parents to attend.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**KEY STAGE 1 SATs** – The month of May  
**NURSERY CLOSED** - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of May  
**KEY STAGE 2 SATs** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
**EARLY CLOSING** – **Wednesday** 4<sup>th</sup> May - school will finish slightly earlier at **3pm** on to enable staff attend Federation training.  
**QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
**SPORTS DAY** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of July, more details to follow  
**YEAR 1 SEASIDE TRIP** –  
**INSET DAY** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
**YEAR 6 TRIP** – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
**LAST DAY OF TERM** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, school finishes at 2pm. There will be **no** After School Club.  
**INSET DAYS** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022  
 School will **not** be open to students on these days.  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS** - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

This time of year fills me with new hope.  
 • Not only have we celebrated Easter - which is all about fresh hope  
 • - the mornings are brighter, the evenings are lighter and the world feels greener and more alive with each day.

• Getting out into the park to be with nature's growth helps us enormously and can feed our mental health. Walking along the peaceful river and noticing the calm on the water can bring us peace and improve our sense of well-being.

• Bring to mind the hopeful things that are ahead of you, remember that the light of Christ is stronger in these days of Easter season, and give thanks for all that God is doing in our communities to bring hope and joy into our lives this summer.

Lord God,  
 Champion over death and darkness, bring light and hope into our homes and streets.  
 Remind us of the joy you bring, even though our nights feel cold and long sometimes.  
 Be with us Holy Spirit for Jesus Christ has risen. Alleluia.  
 Amen.

**Rev. Dominic Hubbuck**  
**School Chaplain**  
**Koinonia Federation Schools**  
**Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry**



The month of May is a busy month in schools for assessment, particularly for pupils in Years 2 and 6. The children have been working very hard towards these tests, and we are keen that they are able to do their best.

Year 2 SATs will take place all through the month of May. Year 6 SATs is from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Do ensure your child is well rested and in school on time during this period.



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 then Year 2
Tuesday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Afro Beat	???
Thursday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Dance	Years 3 - 6

Parents and Friends



### PFA DATES TO NOTE

**Sunday 1st May** 12noon to 4pm - *Gardening day* - Come along to help plant seeds, bulbs and plants to help our garden grow

**Friday 6th May** 3.15pm to 4.30pm - *Forest School and Outdoor Classroom Open Day* - Come along to see our new Forest School Area and Outdoor Classroom. There will be drinks & snacks, activities for the children, meet the PFA and help plant a new garden.