



ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL WOOLWICH 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

Staff would like to thank parents and carers for all the lovely flowers, chocolates and Easter gifts received at the end of last term. These are not expected but very much appreciated.

GOODBYES

We will be saying farewell to Mrs Ahmed who leaves us next week. Mrs Ahmed has been with us for 18 years and is a valued member of staff whom we shall miss very much. We wish her well for her future endeavours.

A WARM WELCOME TO

Ms Tina Conley (a new member of the LSA team).

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Miss Roberts who got married over the Easter holiday. Her married name is Mrs Kelly.

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.

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.

For those parents bringing children to breakfast club, may I remind you that it does not start until 7:30am and **children must not be left unaccompanied** until collected by a staff member of the breakfast club.

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. There are often many children who are picked up after 3:10pm and far beyond this. This is not acceptable for your child and is a serious concern for us. We do accept that things happen in emergencies and if this is the case, please telephone the school in advance of pick-up time.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please see Miss Thomas if you require a place.

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. Over the last term, Einstein class had the best attendance with 98.2%. Moore class were 2nd with 97.8% and Perry class were 3rd with 97.6%.

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. **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 the 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 for parents to attend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- KEY STAGE 1 SATs** – The month of May
- KEY STAGE 2 SATs** – Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May
- EARLY CLOSING** – Wednesday 4th May - school will finish slightly earlier at **3pm** to enable staff to attend Federation training.
- QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS** – Friday 27th May
- SPORTS DAY** – Friday 1st of July, more details to follow
- YEAR 1 SEASIDE TRIP** – Thursday 23rd June
- INSET DAY** – Monday 4th July 2022
- YEAR 6 TRIP** – Friday 15th July
- LAST DAY OF TERM** – Wednesday 20th July, school finishes at 2pm. There will be **no** After School Club.
- INSET DAYS** – Monday 4th July 2022
Thursday 21st July 2022
School will **not** be open to students on these days.
- SUMMER HOLIDAYS** - Friday 22nd July – Wednesday 31st August 2022

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

I hope you had a good Easter.
Here is my blessing for you and your family:

*God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you the gates of everlasting life.
God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
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 9th to Thursday 13th May. Do ensure your child is well rested and in school on time during this period.



Day	Club	Year Group
Tuesday	Dynamix Dance	Yr1-6
Wednesday	Welling Football	Yr1-6
Thursday	London Gospel – Violin lessons	Yr3-6
Friday	Ballet	Rec-Yr2

SELF-ISOLATION GUIDANCE UPDATE

Changes to self-isolation rules

While there will no longer be a legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test, if your child does test positive, they are still advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days in order to keep staff, pupils, friends and family safe. Please ensure they test on day 5 and on the morning of day 6, and if the two tests are negative, they will be able to return to school.