



**ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL
PENINSULA CAMPUS
Spring 2022 Newsletter – Number 2**



Welcome Back

WE hope you all had the needed rest over the half term and enjoyed some quality time with the family.

WE CONTINUE LOOKING AT THE BIBLE AND THIS HALF TERM WE WILL BE THINKING ABOUT THE JOURNEY TO EASTER.

“The spirit of God is upon me because he has anointed me ” **Isaiah 61:1a**

A WARM WELCOME TO

Miss Watkins – Talbot Class Teaching 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 - 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.

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, Jerwood class had the best attendance with 96.5%. Siderman and Chessun were 2nd and 3rd with 95.8% and 95.6% respectively.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

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 2nd half term = £96.25.

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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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
Thursday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Dance	Years 3 – 6

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.

YEAR 4 SCHOOL JOURNEY

Year 4 will be off on their residential on Monday 14th – Friday 18th 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!

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:

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

WORLD BOOK DAY: 3rd March 2022 details shared.

Please find a link for the Nurseries and Schools Hub, celebrating WBD - offering lots of resource ideas.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/schoolsandnurseries/>

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RED NOSE DAY – Friday 18th March

OPEN AFTERNOON – Wednesday 23rd March, school finishes at 1.40 pm. This will be an online consultation. While government restrictions have been relaxed COVID is still very much prevalent among our pupils and community.

EASTER ACTIVITIES – Details to follow

EASTER HOLIDAYS: Monday 4th April 2022 - Monday 18th April 2022. We break up on Friday 1st April 2022 at 1.30 pm. There will be **no** After School Club on this day.

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

INSET DAYS – Monday 4th July 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

School will not be open to students on these days.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

We remember Valentine's Day (14th Feb).

Celebrating the life and legacy of St Valentine – the Italian Doctor and Priest who gave his life in 270AD to fight for love. A Priest who married people when weddings were banned, who taught young children and who sent loving notes signed 'From your Valentine'.

But what is Love? - St Paul described perfect love as patient and kind, hopeful and something that never gives up and never ends. It is God's desire that we should show love to others in the way that God loves us and Jesus reminded us that loving our neighbour is his greatest commandment.

A prayer:

God, our loving Father, we give you thanks that you love us and care for us.

We thank you for the blessings we have – for friends and family, for our churches and communities.

May we feel your blessings when life feels tough, when love feels lost and when the world feels cold and loveless.

We pray that we might seek to show love to others, seek to encourage others through loving kindness and seek to grow in faith as we live our lives.

Send you loving Spirit to us.

Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

School Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools

Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

Message from PC Mark

I have noticed that parents have been parking in a dangerous manner that is not acceptable. I do appreciate that parking around the school is very limited but there is plenty of free parking just a short walk away. To double park or park on zig zags is not acceptable. Anyone parking like this may be liable for a fine and penalty points on their driving licence. Please remember the safety of our pupils.

**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. However, 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.