



ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL PENINSULA CAMPUS

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Welcome Back

A warm welcome back after the October half term - we hope you all enjoyed the break

THIS HALF TERM WE WILL BE THINKING ABOUT FELLOWSHIP AND RESPECT.

*"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy....for all of you, **Philippians 1:3 - 4***

THANK YOU

All the staff would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support. We thank you for working alongside us to ensure the safety of our whole school community.

GOODBYES

We said good bye to Ms. Farinto and Ms. Carey at half term. Ms. Farinto left to start a new job and Ms. Carey to have her baby.

A WARM WELCOME TO

Miss Edgar- Learning Support Assistant

BABY NEWS

Mrs Eggleston had a baby girl – Marisa, back in September, mother and baby are doing well.

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 Senior Assistant Headteacher Mrs. Butterworth, our Assistant Headteacher Mrs. Badesha 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 Year 1 - 6 pupils line up and are dismissed from the MUGA pitch.

We are concerned because some children have been repeatedly collected late at the end of the school day. The late collections have now become a staffing issue that has a financial impact on the school. This also applies to prompt collection if they are in attendance of any after school clubs. If you are running late due to an emergency then please contact the school office on **0208 858 1309**. We are reviewing the current system and may have to charge or even stop providing after school supervision for children waiting to be collected.

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 half term, 6 different classes have had the best weekly attendance with Elliott Class having 100% attendance w/e 23rd September.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

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**

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 **£96.25** for the half 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. 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 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.

IDLING AND PARKING

We are concerned about the safety of our pupils at the beginning and end of the school day with vehicles being parked up on the walkways. We encourage our families to use public transport as there are no drop off points for cars or any parking spaces. The developers have activated the ANPR camera system 24 hours a day as well as enforcement teams, therefore 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



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PARENT CONDUCT

Over the last few months, a **small** minority of parents have either spoken inappropriately to staff members or to another parent. We understand that at times we all become frustrated or concerned however there are protocols to follow to address these issues.

It is totally unacceptable to use any sort of inappropriate language (including name calling) or threatening behaviour in or **around** the school premises. As a school we work within Greenwich's safe working policy. We do not tolerate abusive behaviour towards staff or other families and value the safety and wellbeing of all.

We do have an open-door policy and there are numerous members of staff available on the gate to speak to you before and after school. If you wish to discuss something privately with a member of staff, we are happy for you to contact the school office and make an appointment. If you are not satisfied that the issue has been resolved satisfactorily our complaints policy is available on the website.

We value our relationship with parents and want to work alongside you to ensure your child reaches their full potential. We trust that if you have any concerns, you will go about addressing these in an appropriate manner.

STAFF VACANCIES

There are several vacancies across the Federation. Please have a look at the website for more details.

HARVEST and BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Many thanks for your harvest contributions, they were most appreciated at the Greenwich Food bank.

A lot went on in the last week of the half term celebrating Black History. Hope you checked out the Fellowship, Faith and Family newsletter.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

It is that time of year when the application window has opened for pupils who are due to start primary school next September (children born between **1st September 2018 – 31st August 2019**). 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
Friday 13th January 2023



Day	Time	Club	Who is it for?
Monday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Music	Years 1 - 6
Thursday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Dance	Years 3 - 6
Friday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Tennis	Years 3 - 6



PRELOVED CLOTHES

As we approach the Christmas season, we have some preloved clothing and toys that we would be offering for sale on **Monday 28th of November** after school. Do stop by to pick up a bargain.

ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

There are plenty of 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://ttrockstars.com/page/parentguide>

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

PARENT CONSULTATION AFTERNOON – Wednesday 9th

November – School finishes at 1.30 pm. Information already shared about booking appointments.

ODD SOCKS DAY: Monday 14th November - £1 donation, pupils will get a wrist band.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: Monday 14th - Friday 18th November – more details to follow.

YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY: Monday 21st – Friday 25th November

EARLY CLOSING: Wednesday 23rd November at 3 pm so staff can attend a Federation Wide Staff Meeting.

PFA COFFEE MORNING: – Friday 25th November

FLU VACCINATIONS: Monday 28th November

CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Wednesday 7th of December – 2 pm

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY: Friday 9th December

NURSERY AND RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION: Monday 5th of December – 10 am and 2 pm

YEAR 1 AND 2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION: Wednesday 14th of December – 10 am and 2 pm

KS 2 Carols by Candlelight: Monday 12th of December – 3.45 pm

Details will be provided nearer the time about tickets

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Monday 19th December 2022 -

Monday 2nd January 2023. We break up on Friday 16th

December at **1.15 pm**. There will be **no** After School Club on this day. The pupils' first day back to school after the holiday is on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

It's been a full first half term. New starts and new ways of doing things. We've done welcomes and introductions. We've had harvest and Black History and International Food - now we start to look forward to our term of Remembering and celebrating. In a fast-paced world of changes and growth, it is vital that we remember the things that don't change. God love for us, the beauty of God's creation (Faith), the people around us who are there to support and encourage us (Family), and those who gather for the same purpose as us - learning and growing in good ways (Fellowship). As we look back, let us give thanks for the things that have gone well. As we look forward, may we pray for wisdom to grow and improve. As we remember, help us to love as Jesus loved, live as the Apostles lived who tried to bring Good News and strive as those who work for justice and peace in our world. Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

School Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools

Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry