



## ST. MARY MAGDALENE

C OF E SCHOOL

PENINSULA CAMPUS

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Reception at St Mary Magdalene C of E School. I hope you have had a wonderful Summer break and are ready to embark on a whole new adventure with your child. My name is Miss Baptiste and I will be teaching your child along with the support of Miss Raji and Miss St. Marie. We are looking forward to getting to know your child and working with you to support your child in achieving their full potential.

Our learning this term will be focusing on '**All About Me**' as well as '**Celebrations and Festivals**'. These topics will enable us to discover the children's interests and how they learn best. We will be covering all areas of learning through our topics. In the first half of the term, we will be thinking about ourselves, who we are, what we can do and how we have changed. As the nights get longer, in the second half term, we will be thinking about light and celebrations in various religions. In reception, there is a big focus on Literacy and Phonics. Please help your child by practising the sounds they are learning in school. In RE we will be thinking about 'Why Jesus is special to Christians' and learning about different festivals.

PE takes place on a Wednesday. It is essential that your child wears their full PE kit to school every Wednesday, starting from 25<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure your child has a white T-shirt, black/dark shorts, jogging bottoms as well as trainers or plimsolls and a tracksuit top. **Please make sure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.** This will help them come back to your child quickly if they are lost or misplaced. Please note that for your own child's welfare, hooped earrings are not to be worn. Only studs are allowed as stated in the school prospectus.

Your child will receive a homework book and each half term, they will receive a homework menu and weekly Phonics homework. Full instructions on how to complete the tasks and when to hand them in are explained on the menu.

A teacher will be changing the children's reading books once a week every Wednesday. The children will be given a pleasure book every week for you to read at home with them. By week 4, they will receive a phonics book matched to what they are reading in school. In class, your child will receive a tick on their reading bookmark for every book they read. Once your child has collected 12 ticks, they will receive a special reading certificate in collective worship. We suggest that you listen to your child read at least **three times a week**, this will vastly improve their reading and writing skills. Each time you read with your child, please make sure you sign their reading record – **If you do not sign your child's reading record we will assume that you have not read the book.**

In the case of a lost reading record there will be a cost of £1 to replace it. If you lose or damage a school reading book there will be a £6 cost to replace it.

If you have any queries or concerns, please come and speak to us. Alternatively, you can write in your child's contact book or make an appointment at the office if you wish to have a longer or more private discussion. I look forward to your support while working with your child and helping them get the most from their first term in school.

Kind regards,  
Miss Baptiste

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