



**ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL
PENINSULA CAMPUS
Spring 2023 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 WILL BE THINKING ABOUT FAITH ... in Jesus.

“The commandment we have from Jesus is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sister also.”
1 John 4:21

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 and Year 1 - 6 pupils line up and are dismissed from the MUGA pitch.

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, Stephens class had 100% attendance once and Chessun Class had the best attendance three weeks in a row. Please contact the office on a daily basis if your child is absent with illness.

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 = **£82.50**.

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.

For snacks and drinks during the day, only fruit and water are allowed.

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**

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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	Football	Boys – Years 3 - 6
Tuesday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Science	Year 4
Thursday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Basketball	Years 5 and 6
Friday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Fun Factory	Years 1 – 6
Friday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Football	Girls - Years 3 - 6

YEAR 4 SCHOOL JOURNEY

Year 4 will be off on their residential on Monday 13th – Friday 17th 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>

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



Title	Who for	Time	Date
Little Wandle – Phonics Workshop	Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents	9 am	Wednesday 1 st March
Supporting Your Child's Behaviour	All parents	9 am	Monday 6 th March
Preparing your child for KS2 SATs	Year 6 parents	3.30pm	Tuesday 7 th March
Preparing your child for KS1 SATs	Year 2 parents	9 am	Monday 20 th March



Did you know that there are apps that you can install that enable you to monitor your child's activity online?

By installing an app you can set a sleep time/down time and save those arguments when it is time to put the device down?

By downloading the app and the sister app on both your child's and your device you could set up a family link so that you can control and approve what content they see?

For more information click on the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Over the half term break, we remembered Valentine's Day. Recently when I visited America, I realised that they go wild for it. Here in the UK, we are a little more reserved but equally there are flowers, cards, sweets and offers in restaurants trying to draw us into spending money in the name of love and romance.

It is right that we celebrate LOVE.

In a world that asks what a life costs in pounds and pennies, we need to remember that we are people who are loved. In a country that struggles with the cost of living, getting timely healthcare and the recognition of worth for being a key worker or someone who serves others in their work, we need to remind ourselves that without a Love for our work or love in our homes, life becomes harder and harder.

This week – without spending money – consider how you can show people your love for them or what they do for you. Consider on how your life might be a beacon of love for others. Pray that God's love might be real in people's lives.

- God our Father,
- Lover of the world who sent his son to show us love.
- God our Mother,
- Who sends the Holy Spirit to care for those who call on God.
- God, who forgives us, heals us, leads us and loves us,
- Be with us and all who care and support us this week.
- Strengthen us to love when love is the last thing we feel able to do.
- Inspire us when thoughts of division and despair feel ever close.
- Love us, especially when we feel unloved and without hope.
- Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

School Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

OPEN AFTERNOON – Wednesday 8th March, school finishes at 1.30 pm. This will be in person and you will be able to look at a selection of work.

WORLD BOOK DAY: Friday 10th March 2023 details shared.

Please find a link for the Nurseries and Schools Hub, celebrating WBD - offering lots of resource ideas. <https://www.worldbookday.com/schoolsandnurseries/>

YEAR 4 SCHOOL JOURNEY: Monday 13th – Friday 17th March

EARLY CLOSING – Wednesday 15th March - school will finish slightly earlier at **3pm** on to enable staff attend Federation training.

EASTER ACTIVITIES – More details to follow

EASTER SERVICE – Tuesday 28th March at 2pm

EASTER HOLIDAYS: Monday 3rd April 2023 - Friday 14th April 2023. We break up on Friday 31st March 2023 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 18th April 2023.

INSET DAY – Monday 17th April 2023

1 more day to be arranged.

School will not be open to students on these days.