



**ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL
PENINSULA CAMPUS**
Spring 2023 Newsletter – Number 1



Welcome Back

WE hope you all had the needed rest over the Christmas break and enjoyed some quality family time.

WE CONTINUE LOOKING AT THE BIBLE AND THIS HALF TERM WE WILL BE THINKING ABOUT RESILIENCE.

“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong” 1 Corinthians 16:13

A BIG THANK YOU

For your cards and lovely Christmas gifts to the staff - we appreciate your kindness and are grateful for your generosity. At certain times of year, particularly at Christmas and July it has become a tradition for parents and children to buy gifts for school staff. The staff are mindful of the thought that goes into the gifts and messages of thanks. While all gifts will be received with sincere appreciation and gratitude, they are not expected. Working with your children and families is a reward we are privileged to have.

A WARM WELCOME TO

Miss Raji – Orchard Class Teaching Assistant
Miss Sarfo-Asare– Chessun 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 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 term, both Elliott and Palmer classes had 100% attendance in different weeks. Please contact the office on a daily basis if your child is absent with illness.

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!

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

1st half term = £79.75

2nd half term = £82.50

The total for the whole term is £162.25

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.

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**

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

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.



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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.

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
Thursday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Dance	Years 1 and 2
Thursday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Basketball	Years 5 and 6
Friday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Tennis	Years 3 – 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!

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

The application window is still open 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

HALF TERM – Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

PANTOMINE TRIP – Monday 23rd January for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6

EARLY CLOSING – Wednesday 25th January- school will finish slightly earlier at **3pm** on to enable staff attend Federation **training**.

NUMBER DAY: Friday 3rd February 2023 – details to follow

WORLD BOOK DAY: Thursday 2nd March 2023

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

OPEN AFTERNOON – Wednesday 8th March 2023

EASTER ACTIVITIES – Details to follow

EASTER HOLIDAYS: Monday 3rd April 2023 - Monday 14th April 2023. We break up on Friday 31st March 2023. School will finish at 1.30 pm. There will be **no** After School Club on this day.

INSET DAY – Monday 17th April 2023

The pupils' first day back to school after the holiday is Tuesday 18th April 2023.

School will not be open to students on **INSET** days.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

We celebrated Epiphany recently, the time when the wise men or kings arrive to bring gifts to Jesus.

Let us pray that the gifts God has given us would be valued and used for the benefit of our families, school and communities.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As gold in the furnace is tried and purified seven times in the fire,
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
able to serve of our communities.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As our prayer rises up before you like Frankincense,
so may we be presented before you
with pure hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves to learn and grow in faith.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may bless those we live and work and study with.
Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
School Chaplain
Koinonia Federation Schools
Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry