



# ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL PENINSULA CAMPUS

Summer 2023 Newsletter – Number 1



## Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to school after the Easter break. I hope you made the best of the break and had a rest.

### **WE CONTINUE LOOKING AT THE BIBLE AND THIS HALF TERM WE WILL BE THINKING ABOUT PENTECOST AND THE EARLY CHURCH**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."*  
**Matthew 28:19a**

#### **THANK YOU**

All the staff would like to thank parents and carers for the on-going support to ensure the safety of our **whole** school community. We are excited to be working with you over the Summer Term.

#### **GOODBYES**

We say goodbye to Ms. Safro-Asare and wish her the very best in her future endeavours.

#### **A WARM WELCOME TO**

Mrs Savva-Brown (Headteacher)  
Ms Gulshan (Learning Support Assistant)  
Mrs Kapo (Stephens Class Teaching Assistant)

#### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Mrs. Savva-Brown, the Headteacher, will be available on different days as she shares her time between the Woolwich and Peninsula campuses. If you need to talk to a member of the leadership team, we are always happy to help. Mrs. Ajayi, the Deputy Headteacher is available each day, and will be available on the school gate to greet you.

Our Assistant Headteachers Mrs. Butterworth as well as Mrs. Ringmo and Ms. Hoon our Deputy Headteacher for Inclusion are also available on different days throughout the week. Mrs. McCullough our Federation Deputy Headteacher is also available most days. You will see us 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. 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.

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Please see Mrs. Shanahan if you require a place.

#### **SNACKS**

Children in year groups Reception, 1 and 2 will be provided with a piece of fruit each day. Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are permitted to bring in fruit for a snack at break time – no **other** food is allowed.

#### **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**

#### **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, in preparation for a day of fun, interesting learning.

#### **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.

#### **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 **£68.75 for Summer 1** and **£165.00** for the whole 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.**



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## UNIFORM

PLEASE ENSURE **ALL** CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. Lost property will be given to charity at the end of each term! Please can every child come to school in the correct uniform. It has come to our attention that quite a few children are coming to school dressed in items that are not part of the school uniform. Shoes or trainers should be **ALL BLACK** and not have coloured soles or laces.

## HOMEWORK

Homework is very important to consolidate any learning that has been happening in the class. The homework menu is uploaded on Satchel One. Expectations of how many pieces need to be completed is mentioned on menu. Pupils get house points for completed pieces which can be uploaded on to Satchel. Please read with your child regularly and talk to them about the book they are reading. Then sign their reading record each time. Asking them questions about what they are reading will help develop their comprehension.

## PARTY BAGS

If you are looking to provide the class with a treat, on the occasion of your child's birthday, you are welcome to present a book or game inscribed with their name as we will **not** be distributing party bags or birthday cake.

## FRIDAY CELEBRATION WORSHIP

We are inviting parents to our Friday Celebration Worship. This will begin on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**:

- EYFS and KS1 – 9:05am
- KS2 – 9:55am

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**KEY STAGE 1 SATs** – The month of May  
**KEY STAGE 2 SATs** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
**KINGS CORONATION CELEBRATIONS** – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
**SPORTS DAY** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of July, more details to follow  
**LAST DAY OF TERM** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, school finishes at 1.15 pm. There will be **no** After School Club.  
**INSET DAYS** – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
 School will **not** be open to students on these days.  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS** - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Look up from the screen you're reading this on and look around you. How many sounds can you hear, how many colours can you see, what smells can you detect?

As Spring races towards Summer, we see the trees bud and blossom, we smell the grass being cut, we hear the twittering of birds and the chatter of people walking in the sunshine (at least while the sky is blue and the sun is out).

It is a perfect time to give thanks for the beauty of the world around us. Regardless of how low we have felt through the dark months, seeing the blossoming trees turn white and pink and seeing the speedy birds flitter from tree to tree connects us to the amazing creation that is around us.

It is also worth remembering that feeling connected to nature can also reduce our anxieties and slow our heart-rates enough to breathe and regain our problem-solving skills. Can you detect 2 smells, can you see 3 colours, can you hear 4 things? Can you feel the seat underneath you and the floor that your feet are on? Can you breathe slowly for 5 breaths and slow down your thoughts.

Lord God, as we consider the beauty of nature and the wonder of your creation,  
 Grant us the ability to be calmed in our most stressful moments.  
 Help us to feel your loving Spirit hold us, care for us, guide us.  
 In His most fearful moments, Jesus turned to thought and prayers –  
 May we follow in His example today and everyday.  
 Amen

**Rev. Dominic Hubbuck**  
 School Chaplain  
 Koinonia Federation Schools



The month of May is a busy month in schools for assessment, particularly for pupils in Years 2 and 6. The children have been working very hard towards these tests, and we are keen that they are able to do their best.

Year 2 SATs will take place all through the month of May. Year 6 SATs is from **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. Do ensure your child is well rested and in school on time during this period.



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	Basketball	Girls -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