



ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL PENINSULA CAMPUS Summer 2023 Newsletter – Number 2



Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to school. We hope you enjoyed the great weather over the half term remember fluids and sunscreen

THIS HALF TERM WE WILL BE THINKING ABOUT FAMILY AND RESPONSIBILITY

"Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. 1 Peter 2:17"

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.

GOODBYE AND WELCOME BACK

We said goodbye to Ms Boaf who has moved to work closer to home.

MESSAGE FROM MRS SAVVA-BROWN, HEADTEACHER

It has been wonderful getting to know you over the term. Thank you for welcoming me into the SMM family; the love and support shown to me has blown me away. I am looking forward to getting to know you better, working more closely with you and spending time with you to celebrate the achievements of the wonderful children we have. Please do come along to our coffee mornings and the other events that we host.

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.

FRIDAY CELEBRATION WORSHIP

We look forward to welcoming parents to our Friday Celebration Worship at 9.10 am for EYFS and Key Stage 1 and 9.55 am for Key Stage 2 on a Friday.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please see Mrs. Shanahan if you require a place.

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.

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.

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.

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 **£93.50** for the rest of the 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.**

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**



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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.



Parent's Coffee Mornings

Join us in the Studio every Friday between 9.20 am and 9.50 am.

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. Small studs (**no hooped earrings**) and a wrist watch if your child can tell the time are the **only** items of jewelry allowed.

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.



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
Thursday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Dance	Years 1 – 2
Friday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Fun Factory	Years 1 – 6
Friday	3.10 - 4.10 pm	Football	Girls - Years 3 - 6

Bring a Hero to School Day

We invite our positive male role models to school on Friday 16th June to share a book or game. More information to follow.



Do you have a pre-school child and would like an opportunity to meet other parents? Join Rev Dom on Monday 19th and 26th of June between 2.30 and 3.10 pm in the Nursery.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Year 3 ASSEMBLY _ Thursday 8th June
Year 2 Assembly – Thursday 15th June
Year 1 ASSEMBLY _ Thursday 22nd June
Nursery and Reception Assembly – Thursday 29th June
CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS – Wednesday 21st June 2023
YEAR 1 SEASIDE TRIP – Tuesday 27th June 2023
SPORTS DAY – Friday 7th of July, more details to follow
YEAR 6 PRODUCTION – Thursday 13th July at 4pm
YEAR 6 LEAVERS SERVICE – Tuesday 18th July at 9.15 am
PARENT CONSULTATION – Wednesday 12th July
YEAR 6 TRIP – Friday 14th July
LAST DAY OF TERM – Thursday 20th July, school finishes at 1.15 pm. There will be **no** After School Club.
INSET DAYS – Friday 21st July 2023
Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023
School will **not** be open to students on these days.
SUMMER HOLIDAYS - Monday 24th July – Friday 1st September 2023

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

I was enjoying the weather recently and after enjoying a lovely sunny afternoon and a warm evening, I watched the sun go down. A small part of me was sad that a beautiful day had ended but I was hopeful as I knew the sun would rise in the morning.

There are times when we are enjoying life, when the sun is shining and things seem to be going well. We enjoy these times but often spoil our own joy by worrying what the next season will hold. We forget that come what may, the sun will come up again in the morning.

It is important too to remember that when the days are gloomy and that life, like the clouds, are grey and heavy – the sun will come out again soon.

In the Bible – Jesus asks us to consider the birds of the air and the flowers in our gardens and reminds us that if these are well kept for by God, then so will we. If they don't need to worry about tomorrow because of God's love, then God's love will be there for us way more than the flowers and the birds.

The night may feel long, cold and endless. But the sun is coming. The stars may be covered and the light be clouded. But the sun is coming.

Lord God,
As we enjoy the sunny days of life and the warmth of your love in good times, we thank you. As we work through grey days and long nights, remind us that the sun is coming and we can have hope. As we look for the light to dawn, may we look for you in our lives. May we have faith that you hear and answer our prayers.
Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
School Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools
Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry