



**ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL
PENINSULA CAMPUS
Summer 2021 Newsletter – Number 2**



Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope you were able to make the best of the great weather we had over the half term.

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – SELF CONTROL

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a love of power and of love and of self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

CONGRATULATIONS

I am sure you will all want to join us in wishing the Whitbread family health, happiness and plenty of sleep as we congratulate them on their new bundle of joy - Sylvan Ernest Whitbread.

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 as well as Mrs. Badesha our Assistant Headteacher 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.

Please continue to adhere to the social distancing rules until the Government says otherwise. In the meantime, we are safely planning events and meetings to enable you as Parents and Carers to be on site again. We are starting off by inviting Reception and Nursery Parents/Carers for the Early Bird reading in the mornings. These will be held outdoors whilst the weather is nice. Please look out for a letter about this. See below also information about parent workshops.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Many thanks to all those who completed the questionnaire, there were **66** responses, with an even split of requests for workshops in Phonics, Reading, Maths, Behaviour and Writing. Most of the response were from parents with younger children – with 55 pupils represented from Nursery to Year 2 and 27 pupils represented from Years 3 - 6.

Please see below a schedule of workshops to be run this half term, more workshops will be run in the autumn term.

Date	Time	Workshop title	Who is it for?
Wednesday 23 rd June	9 -10 am	Phonics and Reading workshop	EYFS and KS1parents
Wednesday 30 th June	9 -10 am	Maths workshop	EYFS and KS1parents

THE START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Gates are open for drop off between 8.40 am and 9 am for all pupils. Pupils should be collected promptly at the end of the day which is at **2.55 pm** for **Reception pupils** at **3.05pm** - for pupils in **Years 1 and 2** and at **3.15pm** for pupils in **Years 3 – 6**. All pupils are dismissed from the playground. Do be aware that you can come **anytime** between the collection times to avoid a big queue at the start.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We would like to encourage 100% attendance and welcome your support with this. Children, who are not in school by 9.00 am, miss out on the essential information that class teachers give their children, as well as the settling down time each morning. We are also looking to ensure that **ALL** pupils are collected promptly at the end of the school day.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

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**

SNACKS

Children in year groups Reception, 1 and 2 are 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.

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 **£90.75 for Summer 2**.

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. To minimise lunch bags being touched by several people, your child will keep their lunch box with them in the classroom rather than using the school fridges. **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.**

PARTY BAGS

We will not be able to distribute party bags at the present time, you are welcome to present a book or game to the class on the occasion of your child's birthday.

SPORTS

Swimming -We are delighted that swimming pools are open for schools again. Our Year 4 and 5 pupils have the opportunity to take part in intensive swimming lessons over the course of 4/2 weeks to improve their water skills this half term.

PE KIT

We ask that pupils wear white t- shirts, dark-coloured shorts and trainers/plimsolls for PE and come to school in their PE kits on their PE days.



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Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on the 9th of July in school. Children will be given the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities throughout the day. We ask that children wear their PE bottoms (please see PE kit above), trainers and a top in the colour of their house colour. Please ensure that each child comes to school with a water bottle as they will be active during the day. Unfortunately, Parents and Carers will **not** be invited to attend Sports Day this year, but we will make sure that the excitement of the day is captured in pictures and uploaded onto the school blog. Further information about Sports Day will be sent home closer to the date.



Isaac who runs the **Music Club** is offering lessons on a **Monday** between **3.15 - 4.15 pm** please contact www.LOGOMUCO.com for further details.

Peninsula After School Football club are also offering sessions on a **Monday** and **Thursday** from **3.30 – 4.30 pm** at the park. Please contact them directly peninsulaafcparents@gmail.com or **07706210502** for more information.

There is also a **Dance Club** running on a **Thursday** between **3.15 - 4.15 pm** for pupils in **Years 5 and 6**. Please click the link below if your child would like to join, the password to book is also below.

<https://greenwichdance.org.uk/whats-on/nrgdance-jnr-st-mary-magdalene/> Password to book: NRgStMaryMag

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 the homework 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.

Adhering to government guidelines, we are unable to welcome parents on site at the present time. Please contact the school office: **0208 858 1309**

Email: peninsulaadmin@koinoniafederation.com

If you need to pass a message on to the class teacher please write a note for your child to give the teacher or send an email for the attention of the class teacher.

We are **now** a cashless school. Do download the School Gateway app or visit the website:

www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'new user'. You can pay for dinner money, Capitation as well as Breakfast club through this link.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Please note additional **INSET** Days for the Summer Term

CLASS PHOTOS – Monday 21st June. Pupils **must** come to school in their school uniform.

RECEPTION INDUCTION DAY – Tuesday 29th June for new parents/carers.

INSET DAY - Friday 2nd July

HEALTHY LIVING WEEK – w/c 5th of July

SPORTS DAY – Friday 9th of July – more details to follow depending on government roadmap

Year 6 Leavers and production– more details to be shared with Year 6 parents.

LAST DAY OF TERM – Thursday 22nd July school finishes at 2pm. There will be **no** After School Club.

INSET DAY- Friday 23rd July

SUMMER HOLIDAYS - Monday 26th July – Wednesday 1st September 2021

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Last term our Federation looked at Faithfulness and Gentleness. I shared with the school some thoughts on being Faithful – to God, to ourselves and to each other.

St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians saying 'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God' (1 Thess 5:16-18). As we give thanks for the day ahead, we are faithful to God. As we try our best, remain genuine and make our own good choices, we are faithful to ourselves. And as we act with love, speak with gentleness and encourage each other, we are faithful to those around us.

As we start a new half term, give thanks for the half term that has passed and for the next 7 weeks ahead, for the growing freedoms we have to meet again and the way God's Holy Spirit supports and encourages us through our faith and the fellowship we have around us.

May God bless you and your family at this time. Amen!

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
School Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools
Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

E Scooters

The police and local authority are asking for school and parental support in regard to discouraging the use of E-SCOOTERS by children and young people.

Not only is there real concern around how some of these may be used in terms of road safety, many people may be unaware that the use of E-SCOOTERS is actually illegal when driven in public places and on roads in London and the UK.

Exemptions currently only apply to authorised hire-schemes or where used appropriately on private land with the land owner's permission.

E-SCOOTERS are classed as motor vehicles so riders must comply with various pieces of Road Traffic Legislation, including:

- driving with a licence
- driving/riding with insurance
- driving/riding other than on a road
- need to be taxed

If stopped using an E-SCOOTER illegally, the rider, even if a young person, could receive fixed penalties, penalty points, or even face prosecution. Vehicles are also likely to be seized and potentially destroyed.

As well as trying to keep our communities safe, we are keen to stop anyone, regardless of age, being subject to criminal action. We would therefore welcome any support in terms of raising awareness of this issue.

Further information on E-Scooters can be found here on the [Met Police website](#).