



ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL WOOWICH CAMPUS

Autumn 2022 Newsletter – Number 2



Welcome Back

A warm welcome back after the October half term - we hope you all enjoyed the break

THIS HALF TERM WE WILL BE THINKING ABOUT FELLOWSHIP AND RESPECT.

*"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy for all of you, **Philippians 1:3 - 4***

THANK YOU

All the staff would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support. We thank you for working alongside us to ensure the safety of our whole school community.

GOODBYES

We said goodbye to two Teaching Assistants, Ms Thornborrow and Ms Tomoye, and wish them all the best for the future.

A WARM WELCOME TO

Mrs Alalade – Learning Support Assistant returned from maternity leave this half term.

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. 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. Etherington or Mrs. Davis 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 doors, Year 1 – 4 pupils line up and are dismissed from the MUGA pitch. Year 5 and 6 are dismissed from the Amphitheatre. If you want your child in Years 5 and 6 to make their own way home, please ensure you have given permission to the school office.

We are concerned because some children have been repeatedly collected late at the end of the school day. The late collections have now become a staffing issue that has a financial impact on the school. This also applies to prompt collection if they are in attendance of any after school clubs. If you are running late due to an emergency then please contact the school office on 0208 854 3531. We are reviewing the current system and may have to charge or even stop providing after school supervision for children waiting to be collected.

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. Over the last term we have had 6 different classes with the best weekly attendance with 6 classes with 100%. For the half term Cooper had the best attendance. Well done Cooper!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please see Mrs. Etherington or Mrs. Davis 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**

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 **£96.25** for the half 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 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.

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 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.

STAFF VACANCIES

There are several vacancies across the Federation. Please have a look at the website for more details.

HARVEST and BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Many thanks for your harvest contributions, they were most appreciated at the Greenwich Food Bank.

A lot went on in the last week of the half term celebrating Black History. Hope you enjoyed reading all about it in our Fellowship, Faith and Family newsletter.



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RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

It is that time of year when the application window has opened 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**

ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

There are plenty of 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://ttrockstars.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 | 3.15 - 4.15 pm | Basketball | Years 1 - 6 |
| Tuesday | 3.15 - 4.15 pm | Dance | Years 1 - 6 |
| Tuesday | 3.15 - 4.15 pm | Choir | Years 5 - 6 |
| Tuesday | 3.15 - 4.15 pm | Multi-Sports | Year 2 |
| Wednesday | 3.30 - 4.30 pm | Football | Years 1 - 6 |
| Wednesday | 3.15 - 4.00 pm | Music | Years 3 - 6 |
| Thursday | 3.15 - 4.15 pm | Music | Years 3 - 6 |
| Thursday | 3.15 - 4.15 pm | Girls Football | Years 5 - 6 |
| Friday | 3.15 - 4.15 pm | Ballet | Years R - 2 |
| Friday | 3.15 - 4.15 pm | Boys Football | Years 5 - 6 |

We would like to start up a PFA (Parents, Friends Association) for our Woolwich Campus.

The aim of this association is to provide opportunities for parents, staff and friends to raise money, support the school and help to encourage closer links between home and school.

Being involved with the PFA of St Mary Magdalene is a good way to become familiar with how the school works. It can also be fun!

If you are interested, please see Miss Thomas for more details.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

It's been a full first half term. New starts and new ways of doing things. We've done welcomes and introductions. We've had harvest and Black History and International Food - now we start to look forward to our term of Remembering and celebrating. In a fast-paced world of changes and growth, it is vital that we remember the things that don't change. God love for us, the beauty of God's creation (Faith), the people around us who are there to support and encourage us (Family), and those who gather for the same purpose as us - learning and growing in good ways (Fellowship). As we look back, let us give thanks for the things that have gone well. As we look forward, may we pray for wisdom to grow and improve. As we remember, help us to love as Jesus loved, live as the Apostles lived who tried to bring Good News and strive as those who work for justice and peace in our world. Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

School Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools

Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

ODD SOCKS DAY: Monday 14th November - to support the antibullying week

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: Monday 14th - Friday 18th November - more details to follow.

YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY: Monday 21st - Friday 25th November

EARLY CLOSING: Wednesday 23rd November at 3 pm so staff can attend a Federation Wide Staff Meeting.

Coffee and Prayer Meeting hosted by Rev Dom': - Wednesday 16th November 2.30pm

CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Tuesday 6th of December - 10.30am

NURSERY AND RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION: Thursday 8th of December - 10 am and 2 pm

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY: Friday 9th December

Year 3 and 4 Carols by Candlelight: Monday 12th of December - 3.45 pm

Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight: Tuesday 13th of December - 3.45 pm

YEAR 1 AND 2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION: Wednesday 14th of December - 10 am and 2 pm

Details will be provided nearer the time about tickets

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Monday 19th December 2022 - Monday 2nd January 2023. We break up on Friday 16th December at **1.15 pm**. There will be **no** After School Club on this day. The pupils' first day back to school after the holiday is on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.