



ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL WOOLWICH CAMPUS

Autumn 2022 Newsletter – Number 1



Welcome Back.

A very warm welcome back to school. We are pleased to see the pupils return to school, looking smart. A special welcome to all the new families who join us this term, we very much look forward to working with you.

THIS SCHOOL YEAR WE WILL BE LOOKING AT FAITH, FAMILY AND FELLOWSHIP. WE START THIS HALF TERM THINKING ABOUT FELLOWSHIP AND BELONGING.

“So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and everyone is joined one to another.” Romans 12:5

THANK YOU

All the staff would like to thank parents and carers for the on-going support over the last year. We are really pleased to have the children back in school. We thank you for your patience as we ease back into a new way of serving you.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Ms Oje (Nursery teacher)
Mrs Ridgers (Year 3 class teacher, transferred from our Peninsula site)
Miss Bryan (Year 3 class teacher)
Miss Yasin (Year 5 class teacher)
Mr Greenhill (Year 5 trainee teacher)
Ms Deko (Learning Support Assistant, transferred from our Peninsula site)

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.

NASAL FLU VACCINATION

Children from Reception to Year 6 have received a letter regarding the nasal flu vaccination. Please read this letter carefully as it contains very important information. You must complete and return the consent form that comes with the letter even if you decide that you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination. Please be reassured that your child will NOT receive this vaccination unless you have given permission.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

We are putting together a schedule for parent workshops to take place. Details of these will be sent to you separately.

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 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.

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. We are also looking to ensure that **ALL** pupils are collected promptly at the end of the school day.

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 the first half term** and **£187.00** for the whole term.

Please help your child learn how to use their knife and fork correctly so they are able to eat their meal independently. We encourage good table manners and ask that parents help teach these too.

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.

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.

SNACKS

Children in year groups Reception, 1 and 2 will be provided with a free 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.

PARTY BAGS

We will **not** be distributing party bags or birthday cake to celebrate 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.

PFA

Parents interested in joining the PFA please speak to Tainia Thomas, Home School Link Worker.

UNIFORM

The children have started the new term looking smart in their uniform. PLEASE ENSURE **ALL** CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. Lost property will be donated to our school's uniform bank. More details of this to follow. Please can every child come to school in the correct uniform which is outlined below.

UNIFORM POLICY

Clothing	Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore dress, yellow polo shirt, burgundy sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper
Footwear	Safe, flat sensible shoes or trainers – black in colour
Jewelry	Small studs (no hooped earrings) and a wrist watch if your child can tell the time.

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.



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UNIFORM PRICES

While school uniform can be purchased from: <https://khalaschoolwear.co.uk/school>, there is some old stock uniform which can be purchased from the school office at a reduced price. The prices are as follows:

- Fleeces £8.00
- Sweatshirts £5.00
- Cardigans £6.00
- Polo shirts £5.00
- Small bag £2.00
- Large bag £3.00
- Rucksack £4.00
- PE bags £2.00

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please see Miss Thomas 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**



Please see below list of clubs presently available this half term. Information already sent out

Day	Time	Club	Who is it for?
Monday	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Basketball	KS2
Tuesday	3.15 - 4.15pm	Dance	Years 1 – 6
		Choir	Year 5&6
		Multi-sports	KS1
Wednesday	3.15 - 4.30pm	Football	Years 1-6
Thursday	3.15 - 4.15pm	Music	KS2
		Football	Girls – Yr5&6
Friday	3.15 - 4.15pm	Ballet	Rec-Yr2
		Football	Boys – Yr5&6

GOLDEN RULES

Over the last 2 weeks the staff reminded the children of the expected behaviour and our Golden Rules. They are as follows:

1. Do be gentle – don't hurt anybody
2. Do be kind – don't hurt people's feelings
3. Do be honest – don't cover up the truth
4. Do work hard – don't waste time
5. Do look after property – don't waste or damage things
6. Do listen to people – don't interrupt

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

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

In this past week it feels like the world has changed. We are surprised by the reaction of so many, we are saddened by the death of the Queen.

As a school we are thinking about belonging this term. As we explore what it means to belong to our school and community, we will think about belonging to our Federation of schools and to the nation.

As a country we will gather to give thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth II, we pray for her family and the new King and we will consider the future.

Our children started new classes this year, many with new teachers, all in new year groups. May we encourage them to live life to the full and serve their community as they grow – just as our precious Queen did throughout her life.

May God bless us as we give thanks for the past, pray for the present and look to the future. **Amen**

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
School Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools
Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 6 PARENT TRANSITION MEETING: Tuesday 13th September

PARENT WELCOME MEETINGS: These will be held over the next couple of weeks after school where you will have the opportunity to see your child's classroom, meet the teachers and hear all about the curriculum and expectations for the year. Dates for your child's class will be emailed to you and you will be able to book your place online. Please may we ask that **only** one adult attends per family.

BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 19th September

EARLY CLOSING: Wednesday 5th October at 3 pm so staff can attend a Federation Wide Staff Meeting.

INSET DAY: Monday 10th October

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Wednesday 5th October – more details to follow.

FLU VACCINATIONS: Monday 28th November

BLACK HISTORY WEEK: Monday 17th October – Friday 21st October – more details to follow.

HALF TERM: Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October 2022. We close for this on Friday 21st October. Pupils return to school on Monday 31st of October.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS: Friday 4th November 2022– more details to follow.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY: Friday 9th December

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.



How Royal Greenwich residents can access benefits advice and support

Royal Greenwich Welfare Rights Service is keen to ensure that local families are claiming their full entitlements and get specialist advice if they need it. Please encourage residents to call their telephone helpline (020 8921 6375) for benefits advice or a free benefit check, particularly if they need to check if they must claim Universal Credit or if they will be better or worse off. The line is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am to 1pm. Alternatively, parents can visit the Royal Greenwich website to view benefit pages, download factsheets or use a free online benefit calculator (www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/benefitcalculator).

Royal Greenwich also has a specialist Universal Support Team to support families who are struggling to manage Universal Credit claims. Royal Greenwich residents can contact them direct on 020 8921 3333.

Parents who do not live or work in Royal Greenwich, can find an advice agency in their area by visiting the Advice Local website: <https://advice.local.uk/find-an-adviser>

As we start another academic year, a reminder that the legal age for having a WhatsApp account is 16+, therefore it is illegal for primary aged children to be using this app. It is your responsibility as parent to monitor your child's phone activity.

We urge you to monitor your child's use of devices and the

Apps they are accessing. Messages sent on group chats are seen by a wide audience of both pupils and their families.

Therefore, please ensure children are using Apps that are age appropriate and that they are showing respect and kindness to others whilst using devices or communicating online. As a school we do our best to educate our pupils in safe use online and also support the children to get on well with one another and resolve issues between them.

What parents need to know about WhatsApp

AGE LIMIT CHANGE
WhatsApp 18+ the minimum age for using WhatsApp. It has been updated from 13 to 16+ to comply with the UK's new age of digital consent. WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send text, voice and video messages, as well as make voice and video calls through an internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app allows you to send messages, photos, videos, documents and more to your contacts. It's available on both Android and iOS. WhatsApp is available in 180+ countries and is used by over 2 billion people. WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send text, voice and video messages, as well as make voice and video calls through an internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app allows you to send messages, photos, videos, documents and more to your contacts. It's available on both Android and iOS. WhatsApp is available in 180+ countries and is used by over 2 billion people.

THE ONLY ADMIN FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING
Cyberbullying is the use of sending threatening or insulting messages, photos, videos or audio recordings to someone else to harm or embarrass them. The prevention of cyberbullying is a key goal for WhatsApp. Parents should be aware of the signs of cyberbullying, such as a child being withdrawn, or a sudden change in their online behavior. WhatsApp has a reporting feature that allows you to report a user who is cyberbullying you or someone else. WhatsApp will investigate the report and take appropriate action.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES
Scammers use WhatsApp to send messages that look like they are from a friend or family member, but are actually from a scammer. Scammers often use WhatsApp to send messages that look like they are from a friend or family member, but are actually from a scammer. Scammers often use WhatsApp to send messages that look like they are from a friend or family member, but are actually from a scammer.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES
If you have sent a message to someone by accident, you can delete it. To delete a message, tap on the message, then tap on the three dots in the top right corner, and then tap on 'Delete for Me' or 'Delete for Everyone'.

SET TIME LIMITS
WhatsApp has a feature that allows you to set time limits for how long you can use the app. This is a good way to ensure that you are not spending too much time on the app. To set time limits, go to 'Settings' > 'Screen Time' > 'App Limits' > 'WhatsApp'.

National Online Safety
Top Tips for Parents

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE
Make your child's profile as private as possible. Only share photos and videos with people you know. Do not share your location or contact details. Do not share your phone number or email address. Do not share your address or school name.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE
If your child has received a message or video that is inappropriate or abusive, they can block the sender. To block someone, go to their profile, tap on the three dots in the top right corner, and then tap on 'Block'.

LEAVE A GROUP
If your child is in a group chat that is not safe, they should leave the group. To leave a group, go to the group chat, tap on the group name at the top, and then tap on 'Leave Group'.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY
Live location sharing allows you to share your location with someone in real-time. This is a useful feature, but it can also be used to track someone's location. Parents should be aware of the risks of live location sharing and should only use it with trusted contacts.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com