



ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL WOOLWICH CAMPUS

Autumn 2020 Newsletter – Number 1



Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to school after a rather long break for some pupils. We are pleased to see the pupils back. A special welcome to all the new families who have joined us this term and we very much look forward to working with you.

THIS SCHOOL YEAR WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. WE START THIS HALF TERM THINKING ABOUT ALL THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22 -23

THANK YOU

All the staff would like to thank parents and carers for the on-going support over the last few months. While the start of this academic year has been different to previous years, we are really pleased to have the children back in school.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Miss Thomidu (Makeba Class Teacher)
Mrs Ridgers (Faraday Class Teacher – returned from maternity leave)
Miss Charlotte Levesley (Walker Class Teacher)
Miss Charlee Smith (Cover/PPA Teacher)
Mrs Louise Etherington (Office Administrator – transferred from Peninsula Secondary)

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 so we can speak on the telephone. Please ask the office if you would like to speak to a specific person.

Leadership Team

- Mrs. King - Head of School
- Senior Assistant Heads Mrs Amapo and Mrs Ringmo
- Assistant Heads Mrs Kristensen, Mrs Eggleston and Ms Hoon (SENDCO)
- Mrs McCullough – Federation Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs Harrison and Mrs Wainwright - Federation Co-Headteachers

NASAL FLU VACCINATION

Children from Reception to Year 6 will be receiving 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.



THE START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

In line with government guidelines and to ensure social distancing, the school day is structured differently. Gates open for drop off between 8.40 and 9 am for pupils in Reception – Year 6.

Year 5 and 6 with their siblings should enter through the main school entrance (via the office). Reception children should be dropped off at the EYFS gate on Kingsman Street and Nursery children at the Nursery gate on Kingsman Street. All

other children should enter through the Muga gate on Charles Grinling Walk. If they are wearing a mask to school, they should take this off and put it in their bag before sanitizing their hands.

At the end of the school day pupils should be collected promptly. Please remember to socially distance whilst waiting outside the school gates. May I ask parents who drive, not to pull up in the middle of the road and expect their children to just jump in. This is not only dangerous for your own children but jeopardises the safety of the whole school community. Please park carefully and collect your child from the gate.

3PM

- Reception pupils – EYFS gate on Kingsman Street
- Year 1 – Muga Pitch gate on Charles Grinling Walk, then Year 2 will follow – 3:05pm approximate
- Year 5 and 6 with siblings - main school office gate

3:10PM

- Year 5 (without siblings) – main school office gate
- Year 6 (without siblings) – Nursery gate
- Year 3 and 4 – Muga gate

Parents are not allowed on the school premises at present but if you have an enquiry, the office staff are also happy to come to the main school office gate to speak with you.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We would like to encourage 100% attendance and welcome your support with this. Children, who are not in school by 9am, miss out on the essential information that class teachers give their children, as well as the settling-in time each morning. We will continue with our prize draw each half term for children with 100% attendance and punctuality. 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 £96.25 each half term and £192.50 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. To minimize lunch bags being touched by several people, your child will keep their lunch box with them in the classroom. **If your child wishes to change from packed lunch to school**



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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 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.

UNIFORM

The children have started the new term looking quite smart in their 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 which is outlined below:

UNIFORM POLICY

Clothing	Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore dress, yellow polo shirt/ blouse, burgundy sweatshirt/ cardigan/ jumper
Footwear	Safe, flat sensible shoes or trainers – black in colour
Jewellery	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 and therefore if they forget their kit may be asked to wear some of the school's spare PE kit.

UNIFORM PRICES

Uniform can be purchased from our school office. However, there is limited stock available with the old logo. New uniform can be purchased from Khalsa School Wear in Crayford.

The prices are as follows:

- Fleeces £14.00
- Sweatshirts £9.50
- Cardigans £11.50
- Polo shirts £9.00
- Back packs £6.00
- Small bag £2.50
- PE bags £3.00

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**



There will be no other after school clubs for the first half term. We will review this after the first couple of weeks and then send out more information.

OUR GOLDEN RULES

Last week the staff reminded the children of our behaviour policy 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 2015 – 31st August 2016). 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
Wednesday 15th January 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

BLACK HISTORY WEEK: Monday 28th-Friday 2nd October 2020
– more details to follow.

HALF TERM: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2020

INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS: Tuesday 3rd November 2020 – more details to follow.