



**ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL
WOOLWICH CAMPUS
Autumn 2 2021 Newsletter**



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

THIS HALF TERM WE WILL BE THINKING ABOUT ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS.

"Mary said, my soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" Luke 1:46 - 47

THANK YOU

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

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. Years 5 and 6 should be collected from the Amphitheatre. Thank you for adhering to the in/out system at the MUGA entrance. This is helping to relieve congestion.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We would like to encourage 100% attendance and welcome your support with this. Children, who are not in school by **8.50 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 half term, Faraday class has had the best and most consistent weekly attendance which stands at 98%.

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 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.

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 CHECK **ALL** CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. As the weather is getting much colder, please ensure your child has on layers to keep them warm. Please can every child come to school in the correct uniform, including footwear. These should be **black** trainers, shoes or boots.

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please see Miss Thomas if you would like to book a place for your child.

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**

LEADERSHIP TEAM

If you would like 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. Please remember to always speak with the class teacher in the first instance if it is related to your child's learning or behaviour.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Day	Time	Club	Who is it for?
Monday	3:15-4:15pm	Gospel Choir	Year 5&6
Tuesday	3:30-4:30pm	Dance	Year 3-6
Wednesday	3:30-4:30pm	Football	Year 1-6
Thursday	3:15-4:15pm	Ballet	Rec & Year 1
	3:15-4:15pm	Violin	Years 3-6
Friday	3:15-4:30pm	Ballet	Year 2&3
	3:30-4:30pm	Bible	Year 1-6

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://trockstars.com/page/parentguide>

Busy Things (Reception to Year 2) -

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/families/parent-tools>.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY: Monday 8th – Friday 12th
November

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY: Friday 10th December

NURSERY AND RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION: Monday
6th December – 2 pm for parents/carers

YEAR 1 AND 2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION: Tuesday 7th
December – 2 pm for parents/carers

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME: Wednesday 8th
December

YEAR 3 AND 4 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION: Thursday 9th
December – 2 pm for parents/carers

YEAR 5 AND 6 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION: Monday 13th
December – 2 pm for parents/carers

Details will be provided nearer the time about tickets.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE IN ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH:
Tuesday 14th December – details TBC

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Friday 17th December 2021 – Monday
3rd January 2022. We break up on Thursday 16th December.
There will be **no** After School Club on this day.
The pupils' first day back to school after the holiday is on
Tuesday 4th January 2022.

November is a month of changes and a remembering month too. The leaves on the trees change colour and fall, the weather changes for the wetter and colder, the nights get longer and the days feel shorter. During this time of change we need something strong to hold onto.

And as we remember Trafalgar Day, All Saints and All Souls, and Armistice and Remembrance - we are mindful of those griefs and those times of reflection that can also leave us feeling vulnerable. During those times we need to hope for something.

Here is my prayer for us:

Heavenly God,
Creator of the earth and heavens.
As the seasons change, we consider the changes in our own lives and the lives of others.
We give you thanks that your love and your strength never change. That however much our world feels too much, your care for us will never overwhelm us.
Give to the leaders of these lands wisdom to bring solutions to our fragile climate and environment.
Lead us to pray for and work towards a day when all will be safe and secure, when all will feel accepted, loved and cared for within their community.
God bless us and our endeavours.

Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
School Chaplain
Koinonia Federation Schools
Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry