

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

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Mrs Tiffany King <u>Friday 20th November 2020</u>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Autumn 2 Term at St Mary Magdalene CE Primary School. The children in Reception have had a great start in their school life in Autumn 1. The children focused on 'All about me' topic and on the project called 'New beginnings' where they were encouraged to create a sense of community across the entire school, to reflect on the last few months, and also help them to look forward to the future in a positive way. Children have also adjusted to the systems and routines of school and they have been following class rules consistently.

Our learning the second half term will be focused on 'Lights and celebrations'. We will be thinking about Light and Celebrations in various religions. We will be looking closely at celebrations of light, such as Bonfire Night, Diwali, Christmas as well as talking about other important celebrations and events in our life such as Remembrance Day, Children in Need, Antibullying and birthdays.

This term the children are introduced in phase 3 Letters and Sounds in our Phonics. <u>Please help your child by practising the phonemes (sounds)</u> they are learning in school and reading the common words underlined in their reading record.

In RE we will be thinking about 'Why is Christmas special for Christians' and we will be learning about the birth of Jesus. In Maths we focus on number formation and composition and learning 2D shapes.

P.E takes place twice a week. It is essential that your child brings their full PE kit to school on a <u>Monday</u> and that it remains in school until <u>Friday</u> when it needs to be taken home for washing. Please could you ensure your child has a white T-shirt, black/dark shorts and jogging bottoms as well as trainers or plimsolls and a tracksuit top (especially as the weather becomes colder for outdoor PE). It is important that both PE kit and <u>school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name</u>. The children are responsible for their own clothes. Please note for your own child's welfare, hooped earrings are not to be worn. Only studs are allowed as stated in the school prospectus.

The teaching assistant will change the children's reading books once a week. Please read with your child and write comments in the reading record book. If your child loses their reading record, they will be asked to bring in ± 1.00 to pay for a replacement. If your child loses their reading book, they will be asked to bring in ± 5.00 to buy a replacement. Homework menus will be sent out once the children have settled and started full time. Please send the homework in as they complete each task.

We are always available and happy to speak with you if you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss. Alternatively, you can write in your child's contact book or make an appointment at the office. We look forward to your support while working with your child and helping them get the most from their first term in school.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eggleston, Mr Lillitos and Miss Thomaidou Mirs Plaha and Miss Thomas

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