



**ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL
WOOLWICH CAMPUS**
Autumn 2020 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 LOVE AND JOY.

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

THANK YOU

All the staff would like to thank parents and carers for the on-going support since the start of the term. We thank you for your patience as we implement systems and procedures to ensure the safety of our whole school community.

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. Mrs. King, the Head of School, along with the Senior Assistant Headteachers Mrs. Ringmo and Mrs. Amao are available each day. Our Assistant Headteachers Mrs. Eggleston and Mrs. Kristensen and Miss Hoon, Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion are also available on different days throughout the week. Mrs. McCullough our Federation Deputy Headteacher, 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. Turner can always let them know.

NASAL FLU VACCINATION

Children from Reception to Year 6 have received a letter regarding the nasal flu vaccination. For those who have given permission, the vaccinations will take place in school on Friday 27th November 2020.

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 am and 9 am for pupils in Reception – Year 6. 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 which is from **3 pm for Reception pupils, KS1 and Siblings** and between **3.05 pm - 3.10 pm** for all other pupils. Parents are not allowed on the school premises at present. Detailed letters have been sent out about dismissal procedures which are constantly reviewed. Do be aware that you can come **anytime** between the collection times to avoid a big queue at the start. To avoid congestion, please leave promptly once you have collected your child. Please remember to park sensibly when dropping off or collecting your child. Do not stop, drop off or collect on the school's zig zags or in the middle of the road as this is not only unsafe for all our school community but is a driving offence.



May we ask that parents speak to the school staff over any school related questions or concerns they may have and do not approach other parents or children over these matters outside of the school premises. Firstly, we are all trying to keep COVID safe and should maintain social distancing and secondly, it is for the school staff to support and resolve any conflicts directly involving our children. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We would like to encourage 100% attendance and welcome your support with this. Children, who are not in school by **9 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** per 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. To minimize lunch bags being touched by several people, your child will keep their lunch box with them in the classroom rather than using the school fridges. **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 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.

BIRTHDAY CAKE/PARTY BAGS

We will **not** be able to distribute party bags or birthday cake at the present time.

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please see Miss Thomas if your child requires a place.



**ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL
WOOLWICH CAMPUS**
Autumn 2020 Newsletter – Number 2



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 until further notice.

PARENTS' EVENING – VIDEO CALLING

Thank you to all those parents and carers who made contact with their child's class teacher via the new system of School Cloud. We understand that there were some technical difficulties but we thank you for your patience. For those of you who were unable to connect, your child's class teacher will endeavour to telephone you after school over the next few weeks.

CHILDREN IN NEED EVENT



Monday 9th November - Friday 13th November is this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal Week. We are excited to be joining with many others around the UK to participate in the fundraising programme.

We are going to celebrate Children in Need this year by practising self-care. The theme for this year's non-uniform day will be Pyjamas. **Students are asked to bring in £1 if they want to participate to help raise money for this charity.**

During the week the children will be discussing how to boost their physical and mental wellbeing in fun and creative ways.

After the worries of the coronavirus pandemic, Children in Need and St Mary Magdalene Woolwich are making mental health wellbeing a number one priority. Children in Need raise vital funds to support young people who need it the most.

Adhering to government guidelines, we are unable to welcome parents on site at the present time. Please contact the school office: **0208 854 3531**
Email: woolwichadmin@koinoniafederation.com

If you need to pass a message on to the class teacher please write a note for your child to give the teacher or send an email for the attention of the class teacher. We are **now** a cashless school. Download the School Gateway app or visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'new user'. Pay for dinner money, Capitation as well as breakfast club through this link.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

CHILDREN IN NEED CELEBRATION DAY: Friday 13th November 2020 (children to wear their pyjamas and donate £1).

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: Monday 16th – Friday 20th November 2020. **The theme this year is United Against Bullying.**
<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2020-united-against-bullying>

RE FEDERATION WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS – Thursday 19th November 2020 at 9am. Link to follow. Led by Mrs. Kristensen.

FLU VACCINATIONS: Monday 30th November 2020

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY: Friday 11th December 2020

We will be able to provide details of our Christmas arrangements later on in the term.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Monday 21st December 2020 - Friday 1st January 2021. We break up on Friday 18th December. There will be **no** After School Club on this day. The pupils' first day back to school after the holiday is on Monday 4th January 2021.

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 2016 – 31st August 2017**).

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 15th January 2021**

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN:

This term we are focusing on the fruits of the spirit of LOVE and JOY. As a school we are thinking about Remembrance and remembering and considering the Love that we need to remember those people who have given their lives for us to have peace.

And as we get closer to Advent, we will consider the joy that we will experience in celebrating the birth of Jesus. This year the Church of England are thinking about #ComfortandJoy.

What do you need at the moment to feel comforted as we struggle through life at the moment?
And what gives you joy that can brighten your day and give you something to look forward to?

Both are really important for our mental health and well-being. Take care and remember God's Love and Joy is for everyone. Hallelujah!

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