



St. Mary Magdalen's RC Primary School

Autumn 1 2022

NEWSLETTER (Sept-Oct)



It is wonderful to welcome you all back after the summer break. I hope you have all managed some rest and relaxation with families to recharge your batteries. As always, back in school, the children have risen to the challenge in their new classes and set high standards for the rest of the school year. There is a purposeful 'buzz' around school where children are eager to learn and do their best, creating a positive environment to learn. We will be sharing more information with you in due course about the curriculum and some of the enrichment opportunities we have planned for this year.

Over the summer term, we welcomed Mrs Berry into our school office to work alongside Mrs Armstrong and also appointed a new teacher, Mr Dixon who has started with us from September 2022 in Year 4. We are sure he will be a welcomed addition to our school family.

At the end of the summer term, we said goodbye to our Year 6 children who moved on to pastures new. We continue to keep them in our prayers as they begin an important new chapter in their lives and continue to live out our Mission Statement in their secondary schools...

The family of St Mary Magdalen's is centred on Christ to create *inquisitive individuals* who feel *empowered* to *engage* in the world in which they live.

We also welcome our new Reception children, who may I say, have settled into school so well and are already showing us what they are capable of. A big welcome to them and their families.

Christ at the Centre – 'Statements to Live By'

As we begin our new school year, we will continue to focus on our 'Statements to live by' and live out our Catholic beliefs and principles. The statements are shared during Liturgical Prayer every Monday and the children then make this a focus through their daily acts of prayer in class. Here at St. Mary Magdalen's we love and support each other, we show kindness to those around us and are respectful and tolerant. We recognise that Jesus is with us in all that we do, both in celebrating our successes and supporting us during our challenges.

Ethos Statements for September

- *We are all special.*
- *I can say one good thing about myself.*
- *I can say how I feel.*
- *I can laugh and have fun.*

Ethos Statements for October

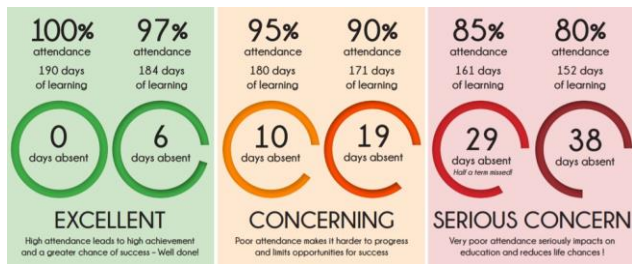
- *I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt.*
- *I understand that rights match responsibility.*
- *I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.*





Attendance

High attendance is imperative to a child's education. We have seen only too well over recent times the effect that not being in school can have on our children. Attendance will be monitored very closely and any children falling below the acceptable threshold will receive a letter home to parents. We realise that children will be ill at times, however, please support us as much as possible by ensuring children are in school.



Holidays should not be taken during term-time and will not be authorised. Children should also not be leaving school early – appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible.

We really do appreciate your co-operation with this!



MFL Changes

From September 2022, we will be teaching Spanish in school. This is to bring our teaching in line with our secondary feeder schools and ensure the children receive a strong foundation of learning, on which they can build. We have new units of work ready, that we will be delivering to the children. Miss Cooper, our MFL lead, will be leading this development in school.

More information on this to follow on our website.

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Bikeability

Year 5 will be taking part in 'Bikeability' sessions from 17th – 20th October. We are aware that the development of road sense and awareness of traffic dangers is imperative for our children and an important life skill to develop. Please ensure that you take some time to practise riding your bike prior to these sessions.

More information to follow!

KS2 Swimming

We are pleased to say our swimming lessons will continue over the Autumn term every Thursday morning from Thursday 15th September. Each of the classes in LKS2 will attend the lessons for one term.

Byron: Autumn Term

Milbanke: Spring Term

Vane Tempest: Summer Term



Staff will accompany the children to and from Hetton Community Pool by coach. Children should be dressed 'ready to swim' in their swimming costumes on the days of their lessons. They will need to arrive promptly at school, as the coach will be leaving school at 9am.

School Masses and Class Liturgies

We will be holding a school Mass to celebrate the beginning new school year. Date to follow.



Class Liturgical Prayer dates...

Elliot Gala: Wed 28th September

Charles Stewart: Wed 5th October

George Elmy: Wed 12th October

Parents are very welcome to join us for this



Important Dates for your diary!!!

September Dates

Mon 5th – INSET

16th – EYFS Baseline Moderation

22nd – Room on the Broom KS1 @ Fire Station, Sunderland

23rd – Roving Bookshop Visit

23rd – European Languages Day

30th – School Photos

October Dates

5th – Tom Palmer Virtual Visit Y5/6

6th – National Poetry Day

7th – Aspiration Day

10th – World Mental Health Day

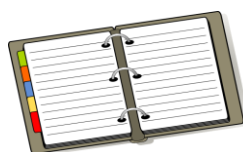
11th-14th – Team challenge adventures KS2

11th / 12th – Parents Evenings

17th -20th – Bikeability Y5

20th – Spooky Writing Day

Fri 21st - INSET



BREAKFAST / TEA TIME CLUB: Our Breakfast Club runs from 8.00-8.40am (cost £2.50) and Tea-Time Club from 3.30-5.30pm (cost £6). This is for **ALL** children in school, Rec-Y6. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to attend.

Pick-up times

We have reviewed pick-up times at the end of the school day and tried to reduce waiting times for parents picking up from different classes. From September 2022, pick-up times will be as follows...

Reception: 3.10pm at the Reception door

KS1: 3.15pm at the back of school

KS2: 3.20pm at the front of school

This will hopefully continue to ease congestion and enable parents to pick-up more quickly.

PE Days

Reception: Friday

Redacre: Tuesday and Wednesday

Fleetrock: Monday and Thursday

Featherbed: Monday and Tuesday

Vane Tempest: Thursday and Friday

Milbanke: Monday and Friday

Byron: Friday only for this term, swimming every Thursday

George Elmy: Wednesday and Friday

Charles Stewart: Monday and Wednesday

Elliot Gala: Tuesday and Wednesday

Children may come into school wearing their PE kits on these days.

You can also keep up to date with events on our school website – check out the school calendar or Twitter page!

School News!



Goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 children who will be beginning a new adventure in secondary school. Please continue to keep them in your prayers at this very important time in their lives.



It has been wonderful to welcome our children back after the summer break. We have been so impressed with how well they have settled into new routines in their classes. They have started the term with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, which has been great to see. We are especially proud of our new Reception children who have transitioned fantastically into their new school. We are very blessed to have them as part of our St Mary Magdalen's family.



Water fun



We had a wonderful water day at the end of term to help keep us cool during the hot weather. Everyone joined in, had fun and enjoyed making new memories with friends. WE had so much fun, we may even do it again next summer!

Thank You!

A huge thank you for your thoughtful cards, gifts and messages at the end of the summer term. School staff were very grateful for your kindness and are blessed to be part of such a thoughtful community.



Skipping Champions



A huge well done to our Year 3 and 4 skippers who won the Easington Sports Partnership Catholic Schools Skipping Festival! Mrs Thompson was very proud of you all. Not only was your skipping fantastic, but your behaviour and attitudes were impeccable.
Fantastic work!



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to get daily updates of what is happening in school!



Medicines in school

Parents are asked to hand medication into the school office. Children are not allowed to bring medication into school or administer medication themselves. All medication must be prescribed by your child's doctor and clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have an inhaler in school. If you have any queries regarding your child's medication please contact the school office.

Any questions, please see Mrs Frost.