



St. Mary Magdalen's RC Primary School

Autumn 2 2022

NEWSLETTER (Nov-Dec)



As we begin a new half term, I hope that the children have returned from enjoying their holidays with family and friends; making new memories and being eager to continue the rest of the term with enthusiasm and motivation. We are certainly looking forward to getting started! This is always a very special half-term in school, with Christmas celebrations and community events to remind us how blessed and fortunate we are to be part of such a caring school family.

It will be a bitter-sweet end to our autumn term as Mrs Wilkinson will be retiring from her role as class teacher at St Mary Magdalen's. She has worked tirelessly as part of our staff for seventeen years and will leave lasting memories of happiness, professionalism, dedication and friendship on us all.

Please could I also take this opportunity to thank parents for their support at our recent Parents Evenings in October. It is always a pleasure to have the opportunity to talk through how your children are settling in school and the areas we are working on, as we move through the school year. All of the curriculum coverage is shared on the class pages of our school website, detailing the medium and long term learning objectives. We are currently updating our subject curriculum pages as we make further improvements to the curriculum as a whole, to ensure it is coherent, rich and challenging for all children. The children continue to embrace learning every day at school!

Christ at the Centre – 'Statements to Live By'

This half term, we will be focusing on the Sunday Gospel readings, preparing for Advent and exploring our half termly 'Statements to Live By' - Ethos Statements. These statements are shared during whole school Liturgical Prayer every Monday and the children then make this a focus through their daily acts of worship in class. Here at St. Mary Magdalen's we love and support each other in all that we do, we show kindness to those around us and aim to show forgiveness and tolerance. 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 November

- *I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others.*
- *I try to be just and fair.*
- *I can tell you how to look after myself.*
- *I think before I make choices that affect my health.*
- *I can work, play, rest and pray each day.*

Ethos Statements for December

- *Simple things can make us happy.*
- *I try to love others as I love myself.*
- *I try to follow our school and classroom rules.*



Journeys of hope



Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust

We recognise, that currently, the cost of living in many ways has increased significantly for all families. The effects of this can be seen in various ways and as a school, we want to offer support where we can. We can support with uniform and winter coats for children that need them or even food essentials. As a school, we are trying to be mindful of the times we are living in but if in any way, you feel that you need some further support, please get in touch with us!



Parish Food bank

We are very fortunate to be supported by our parish food bank and can offer regular support with essentials for families in need. If you would like to receive food drops or need some support during the cost of living crisis we now face, please contact school via phone or email. We will do what we can to help!

We have a range of clubs on offer in school starting this term.
Plus, our Teatime club runs every night from 3.30-5.30pm.



Please contact the school office for more details.

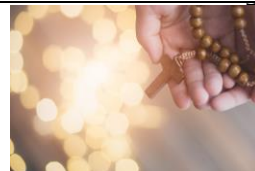
Day	KS1	KS2
Monday		Netball Y3/4/5 Y6 Booster
Tuesday		Lingotots – Spanish Y3/4 Basketball – Y5/6 Holy Communion – 1x per month
Wednesday		
Thursday	Book club – Year 2	Y6 Booster Rainbows – KS2
Friday	Powerbox Y1/2	

Parking



Parking around the school continues to be an issue during drop-off and pick-up times. Please can you consider the safety of our children and not park around the gates, particularly on double yellow lines. Bikes and scooters are encouraged and can be stored safely over the school day in our bike sheds. We thank you for your co-operation.

School Mass and Class Liturgical Prayer



KS2 Mass is planned for Tuesday 1st November 2022. Our Liturgical Prayer sessions will be continuing this term with LKS2 classes leading these acts of worship. Dates are as follows:

Vane Tempest – Wed 9th November
Milbanke – Wed 16th November
Byron – Wed 23rd November

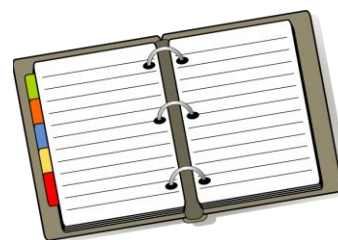
Classes will lead this in our school studio at 9am. Parents are welcome to attend.



Important Dates for your diary!!!

November Dates

- 1st – KS2 Mass in church
- 1st – Flu Immunisations in school
- 8th – Year 6 Mass at St Bede's
- 8th – Y4 Sacramental Preparation in school
- 11th – Remembrance Day Service in school
- 14th – 18th – ASSESSMENT WEEK



December Dates

- 5th – 9th – SEND reviews
- 6th – EYFS Performance
- 6th – Sacramental preparation in school
- 9th – Y1 Carols
- 15th – Y2 Performance
- 19th – LKS2 Party (pm)
- 20th – UKS2 Party (pm)
- 21th – KS2 Carols (Church)
- 21st – EYFS Party (pm)
- 22nd – KS1 Party (pm)
- 23rd – Whole School Mass (Break up at 1.30pm)

Poppies for sale



As we do each year, we will be showing our support for the Royal British Legion by selling poppies and other related items in school. Children are welcome to bring money into class and our Year 6 prefects will be selling these each day.

Chadwick's Kitchen – New Menu



Our Autumn / Winter menus will be starting from November 2022. Please see the school website for further details of the delicious dishes children can choose from. If you would like your child to have a hot meal over the winter months, please contact the school office.

If any further dates or changes to planned arrangements arise, we will keep you informed via the school app. You can also keep up to date with events on our school website – check out the school calendar or Twitter page!

School News!



'Anti-Bullying' Week

Our school council will be organising some activities across the school to raise awareness of anti-bullying in school. We will be talking to children about how to speak out, stay safe and be kind to others.



Survival days

Our KS2 children had a wonderful week of adventures, problem solving and communicating as a team to face their challenges. The weather was kind and everyone had a brilliant experience.



A big thank you to Kevin and Heather at 'Team Challenge Adventures' for this wonderful experience. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We hope to see you again soon.

Spooky Writing Day



A huge thank you to all of our families for your fantastic effort in dressing the children for our Spooky Writing day 2022. The children all looked amazing and produced some descriptive pieces of writing over the course of the day. A brilliant day was had by all!

Poetry Day

The whole school celebrated this day on 6th October by learning and reciting poems they enjoy. It was wonderful to see the performances of children being so animated.



E-safety

Please can we remind all families of the importance of keeping safe online. As we try to highlight regularly, there are many new online experiences that come out which aren't always suitable for our children. It is therefore important we remain vigilant at all times and remember to check what are children are exposed to. Many thanks for your continued support.



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

Netball News



Well done!

Our Year 6 netball teams represented our school so well at the end of term at a tournament in Durham. A big thanks to Miss Oliver for her work with our children playing netball.