



St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph. St Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, of carpenters and social justice. We pray for all fathers everywhere that they may guide and protect their families.

School lunches

You must order your child's lunches because there is no facility to give a lunch if it has not been ordered. The catering company to cut down on waste only provide the lunches that have been ordered. In the past if someone has been absent we have been able to provide that spare lunch. However on Monday there were nine pupils without lunch and on Tuesday there were six children. There is no way we can provide these lunches. If you have forgotten to order lunches you **must** provide your child with a packed lunch if your child is in Years 3-6.

Parking – a reminder

Some parents are positively dangerous. They think they can park where they like. As a school we are fed up with this! We will be reporting our concerns and number plates to the police. Please think, would you want to be responsible for the death of a child or a serious incident?? Please take care and park correctly.



Wednesday 12th

We look forward to seeing the children dressed up as their favourite characters

PARENTS EVENING

As usual, please note there are **no curriculum clubs** (including sport) during the week of:

Monday 17th – Friday 21st

If your child is not picked up at 3.20 pm they will be put into after school club and there will be a charge.

March Dates:

Saturday 1 st	Feast of St David, patron saint of Wales
Monday 3 rd	Bridgebuilder assembly
Wednesday 5 th	Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Father Bernard will be here for the Ash Wednesday service and to distribute ashes to the children. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and alms giving.
Wednesday 5 th	Years 5/6 Badminton Festival at St Paul's
Thursday 6 th	Cathy Stormonth from CAFOD to work with year 6 on Catholic Social Teaching
Friday 7 th	Cathy Stormonth from CAFOD to work with year 5 on Catholic Social Teaching
Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th	National Science week
Tuesday 11 th	Science teacher from St Paul's to work with year 5
Tuesday 11 th	Cathy Stormonth from CAFOD to work with year 4 on Catholic Social Teaching
Wednesday 12 th	Cathy Stormonth from CAFOD to work with year 3 on Catholic Social Teaching
Wednesday 12 th	Today we will be celebrating World Book Day!! We encourage all pupils to dress up as their favourite book character
Wednesday 12 th	4.00 pm Years 5/6 Basketball tournament at St Paul's
Thursday 13 th	Cathy Stormonth from CAFOD to work with year 2 on Catholic Social Teaching
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	NO CURRICULUM CLUBS THIS WEEK
Monday 17 th	Feast of St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Children may come to school in their own clothes. We are encouraging them to wear green. At 9.10 am there will be an Irish Dancing performance for the children by two former pupils, Neve Wellborne and Ella Baird
Tuesday 18 th	9.10 am Gold Book Achievement assembly for years Reception, 1, 2 and 3 – parents are warmly invited to attend
Tuesday 18 th	10.30 am Gold Book Achievement assembly for years 4 – 6 – parents are warmly invited to attend
Tuesday 18 th	Cathy Stormonth from CAFOD to work with year 1 on Catholic Social Teaching
Wednesday 19 th	Cathy Stormonth from CAFOD to work with reception on Catholic Social Teaching
Wednesday 19 th	Bags 2 School collection. Please have all your donations in school in the music room by end of day . We will <u>not be able to take any on Thursday 20th</u> .
Wednesday 19 th	3.30 – 5.00 pm Parents Evening online appointment system will operate
Thursday 20 th	9.00 – 10.15 am year 6 classes to attend Easter Cracked at New Life Church
Thursday 20 th	3.30 – 7.00 pm Parents Evening online appointment system will operate
Friday 21 st	Fun Day for our Lenten charity. This year we are raising money for CAFOD. The children will create their own stalls to raise as much money as possible. The children usually have a fantastic time and learn about money and profit!
Tuesday 25 th	2.30 pm Rocksteady Concert for parents of children in Rocksteady. We look forward to seeing you
Wednesday 26 th	9.00 – 10.00 am Nursery "Bring your mum to Nursery" day
Wednesday 26 th	Prayer Spaces for all classes led by Bridgebuilder
Wednesday 26 th	4.00 pm Years 3/4 Badminton tournament at St Paul's
Thursday 27 th	9.00 am Mrs Burton's class Stay and Pray. Parents may join us for collective worship
Thursday 27 th	Hot Dog day

March Dates continued:

Friday 28 th	2.00 pm Mothers' Day assembly for years Reception up to year 3. 2.40 pm Mothers' Day assembly for years 4 - 6 All mothers, grandmothers, carers please join us
Friday 28 th	Mr Jones' class out on Parks Trust visit in the morning
Monday 31 st	"Big Lent Walk" for CAFOD (also on Friday 4 th April)

During Lent we remember Jesus spent 40 days in the desert with very little to eat or drink.

Throughout Lent we think about all those at home and around the world experiencing poverty. Pope Francis invites us all to be "Pilgrims of Hope" during this special Jubilee year, to build a better world. We shall be undertaking "The Big Lent Walk" raising money to help communities through tough times.

Prayer for March



Loving God,

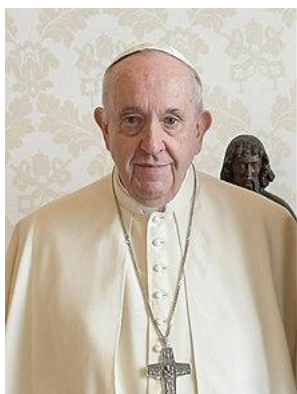
*Fill our hearts with compassion for the earth
and all its peoples.*

Lead us to be good neighbours to all.

Amen



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Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers. We hope he makes a full recovery.