



# St Mary Magdalene CofE Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020



### How we communicate with you



We have set up a new school **Instagram** account [@smmsprimary](https://www.instagram.com/smmsprimary) – please check it out for up to date news.

In addition, you can find out more information on:

**Website** - <http://www.smmsprimary.co.uk/>

**Twitter** - [@SMM News](https://twitter.com/SMM_News)

**Parent mail** – app which sends emails

**Text message** - reminders

**Newsletter** – emailed to you every Friday

**Parent workshops** – 30 minute sessions to update you face to face – with tea and coffee

**Phone** – for more personalised information

**Notice board in the playground** – please check as we update with weekly events and newsletters.

### SENCO Top Tips Games can Improve Speech, Listening and Focus!

Language is one of the most important skills we will ever learn. Everything we do requires us to communicate with our families, friends and colleagues. Without language, it is incredibly difficult to share our thoughts and feelings with others, to make lasting friendships, to give and receive information and to learn about the world in which we live.

Playing games can help us to learn how to interact with others; we follow rules, take turns, ask questions, read body language and have fun!



### RE Week

Our week began with a visit from John Hardwick from Barnabus in Schools. He led an amazing collective worship to introduce our theme of “Who comes first?” He talked about how the Olympic and ParaOlympic values can inspire us all to be champions.



He also led workshops for each class to further develop these ideas.

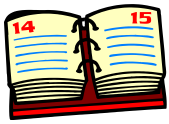


Throughout the week, children have learned about the lives of inspirational athletes and made links with stories in the bible. Look out for the RE week exhibition in the hall which will be on display at our parents' evenings after half term.

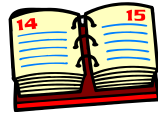
### Vision Statement

Building on a foundation of Core Christian Values, we inspire and equip our children to acquire confidence, encouraging a thirst for lifelong learning.

‘I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,’ **Philippians 4: 13.**



Dates for your  
DIARY!!!!



**Year 3 trip to British Museum** Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

**Parent Councillors Meeting** Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

**Year 4 trip to the Science Museum** – Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Year 6 Junior Citizen trip** Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Safer Internet Day including parent workshop** Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

**End of half term** Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Half term holiday** Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.

**Parents' Evening** Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb and Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Mar

PLEASE **DO NOT** BOOK HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS – we are not able to authorise this absence.

### Bible verse of the week

"Let us come before him with thanksgiving and sing joyful songs of praise." Psalm 95:2

I met with Governors this week to discuss before and after school provision. Governors have agreed to put this provision in place using our school premises which is great news. We have narrowed our choice down to two providers whom we shall meet next week when we will make a final decision.

Anna Harding  
**Acting Headteacher**

### Purple Class collective worship

Year 4 children led a brilliantly uplifting collective worship this week focusing on how to be a "true champion". It was an impressive performance from every child.



### Menu for next week

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### Attendance & Punctuality this week

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<b>Pink Class</b>	92.64%	96.39%
<b>Orange Class</b>	91.03%	94.48%
<b>Blue Class</b>	97.16%	98.86%
<b>Turquoise Class</b>	94.48%	96.69%
<b>Purple Class</b>	98.99%	94.10%
<b>Green Class</b>	90.77%	94.50%
<b>Violet Class</b>	93.51%	98.09%

Well done **Purple Class** for the best attendance this week.



### Star Pupils



Our stars this week are:



**Well done to them and keep it up!**

*\*We have decided to share a photograph of our star pupils from now on\**  
Star pupils receive recognition for exceptional work or behaviour or for demonstrating one of our core school values.

## Rabbits in Reception class

Miss Linder brought Herbie and Ink, her two rabbits, into Reception this week. The children have been so kind and gentle with the rabbits and each other. Herbie and Ink were very well behaved too!



## Peter Pan Performance

We were unexpectedly offered a free performance of Peter Pan by M and M Productions. The children were so excited and we were not disappointed as they had a wonderful afternoon, getting to know this classic story in a creative and entertaining way!



## Blue Peter Badge Winners

As part of their work on Gods Global Goal 13, back in October, Violet class wrote letters to Harriet Harman MP about the litter around Peckham. Not only did they send these to the local MP but they also sent them to Blue Peter who awarded them a Green Eco Blue Peter Badge. We are so proud of them.



## Inspirational Speaker



As part of our Inspirational Speakers Programme, Years 5 and 6 took part in a workshop with Princess Bright from Deutsche Bank. She inspired our children to dream big and keep doing what you love because you will succeed if you persevere.