



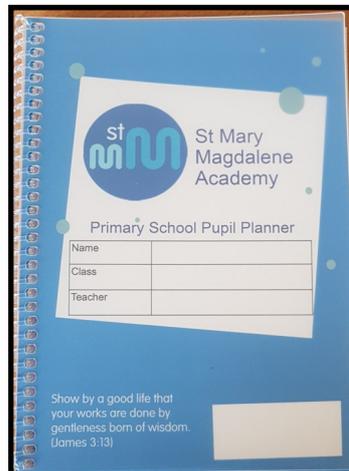
St Mary  
Magdalene  
Academy

# Primary School Newsletter

7 September 2018

## School Planner

We hope that you have now had the chance to see the new planners we are trialling this year. These replace the old reading records and reading logs should be recorded in them. They contain a number of useful resources as well as a place where short notes can be exchanged. At the back of the planner there is a number of reference points for English and Maths, a place to record the names of books your child has read throughout the year. We would ask that these are brought into school everyday. Older children will be using them on a daily basis in their lessons. As you can imagine, these were an expensive resource to buy and so, if they are lost, we will ask for a £2 contribution to the replacement. We welcome feedback on the planners throughout the year, so we can decide how they are designed and used in the future.



Welcome to old faces and new! It has been great to see you all so well rested after the holidays. School is already full of activity with pupils settling into their new classes. Please update the school office with any changes in **contact details** that have happened over the summer. We must be able to reach you in an emergency. **'Meet the teacher'** meetings have already begun! Please check the diary in this newsletter for dates. Many thanks to all who have attended for Year 6 and 5. Next week we will be sending out a **new home-school agreement** for you to read, sign and return. While this does not have any significant differences from the one you received on entry to the school, it was time for an update. This version has been discussed and approved with staff and governors. Alongside this newsletter I have also added in a letter from myself and the chair of governors, Andrew Caspari about **funding for the Academy**. Please take the time to read it and come and see me if you have any questions. We are looking forward to another successful year working together with you.

**Ms Luzmore**

## PE days

**Monday**—Reception and Year 1 (gym)

**Tuesday**—Year 3 and Year 5

**Wednesday**—Year 1 and Year 2

**Thursday**—Year 4 and Year 6

**Swimming** this term is for Year 4 and starts on Tuesday next week. We are looking for volunteers to help walk to and from the swimming pool with the children. If you are able to commit to this, please do contact Donna in the office.

SMMA Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) invites you to...

**SMMA WELCOME BBQ**

Thursday 20th September, 3.30pm-5pm  
in the playground



BBQ



Penalty  
shoot out



Bouncy  
Castle



Ice  
cream  
van

Meet other  
Families

Burger/Hot dog £1 or free for reception children families

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**Term dates** will always be in each newsletter. New additions and changes will be in red!

## Dates for Autumn Term

### September

Mon 10 —Year 4 Meet the teacher 3.40pm  
Tues 11 —Year 3 Meet the teacher 3.40pm  
Tues 11—Year 4 swimming starts  
Wed 12 —Year 2 Meet the teacher 3.40pm  
Thur 13 — Year 1 Meet the teacher 3.40pm  
Fri 14— SRE parent consultation 9:15am  
Wed 19 - Reception Meet the teacher 9am  
Wed 19—Jeans for Genes  
Thur 20—PTSA Welcome BBQ after school  
Fri 21—Individual pupil photos TBC  
Wed 24 Year 6 Parent lunch  
Thur 27—Phonics workshop Rec—Year 2  
Fri 28—Macmillan Coffee morning

### October

Wed 3—Year 4 Parent lunch  
Wed 3—PTSA AGM 7.30pm  
Thur 4—KS1 Maths workshop  
Mon 8—Year 5 and 6 Shakespeare workshop  
Fri 12—Harvest Festival 9am (TBC)  
Fri 12—Year 3 Class Assembly 3pm  
Tues 16—Flu vaccine Rec—Year 5  
Wed 17—last day of half term  
Thur 18—INSET day  
Fri 19—INSET day  
Mon 22—Fri 26 HALF TERM  
Tues 30—Parent's Evening  
Wed 31—Parent's Evening

### November

Thur 1—KS2 Maths workshop  
Fri 2—Year 2 Class Assembly  
Tues 6—Year 3 Parent lunch  
Wed 7—Year 5 and 6 Shakespeare Theatre Trip  
Fri 9—Year 1 Class Assembly  
Tues 13—Year 5 Parent lunch  
Fri 16—Year 6 Class Assembly  
Wed 21—Year 1 Parent lunch  
Thur 22 Year 5 PTSA cake sale  
Fri 24—Year 5 Class Assembly

### December

Thur 6—PTSA Christmas Fair  
Fri 7—KS2 Pantomime trip  
Tue 18—Rec and KS1 Pantomime trip

## Start of year reminders

Please ensure all **uniform** is clearly labelled. We are encouraging all pupils to take responsibility for their jumpers, coats, lunchboxes etc, but it is much easier to reunite them with their clothing if they are properly labelled.

Scooters and bikes

Reminder that **scooters and bikes** should not be ridden in the playground at the beginning and end of the day due to the number of people around. Bikes should be left outside the office in the bike racks. They should not be locked, as we sometimes use this space for vehicles. Scooters should be kept neatly in the space under the stairs. Please make sure all bikes and scooters are taken home at the end of each day.

If your child is **absent from school**, you must let us know on the day they are sick and subsequent days. If we do not receive notification, staff will attempt to contact you and if we are unsuccessful, may lead to a home visit to ensure safety of the family.

## Reading books amnesty

Please do have a look at home to see if you have any school reading books to return. We have quite a significant number of books missing which were purchased last year, and we would need to replenish stock for new classes to enjoy.



In this **week's assemblies**, the school opened up **Ms Luzmore's** pencil case and connected each item to a metaphor about our relationship with God. A ruler can remind us how God

guides us, a rubber how he wipes away our mistakes and forgives us, colouring pens, how everyone, no matter how different is important to Him, sharpener that when we feel dull and blunt, we can be renewed, a highlighter that He reminds us about important things, and a pencil, that He was there in the ordinary things in our daily lives. **Rev April** led our opening service at St Mary Magdalene church in which we thought about how at the beginning of the year we go through new classroom doors which offer new opportunities for us. Jesus said 'I am the door' (John10:9).

