

St. Mary Magdalen's RC Primary School

Summer 2 2022
NEWSLETTER (Jun-Jul)



Hoping you all enjoyed a very well deserved and restful break with your loved ones over the holidays. It has certainly been a busy year and the rest was most definitely needed. It is hard to believe we are approaching our final half term of this academic year; that being said, this one is certainly action-packed with many new activities taking place but also some old favourites that we get to enjoy again after the past two years of disruption – including Sports Day and St Mary Magdalen's Got Talent. We can't wait!

This term can feel bitter sweet as not only do we begin to welcome a new group of children to our school family – our new Reception children who join us in September, but we sadly also say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6 children, as they move on to new adventures in their secondary schools. I can hand on heart say we are sincerely proud of every single one of you, firmly believing that you are ready to spread your wings and live out our mission statement of being engaging, empowering, inquisitive individuals. Our aim is to make this half term as memorable and special as each one of you.

Christ at the Centre – 'Statements to Live By'

As a Catholic school we are centred on Christ and Catholic beliefs and principles. 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. This half term, we will be focusing on the Sunday Gospel readings and exploring our half termly 'Statements to Live By'.

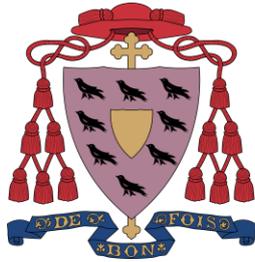
Ethos Statements for June

- *I try to accept forgiveness from others.*
- *I know how to show I am sorry.*
- *I understand the importance of peace.*

Ethos Statements for July

- *I know what human dignity means and show that I respect others.*
- *I stand up for people who are being treated unfairly.*
- *I notice that we are the same and we are different.*





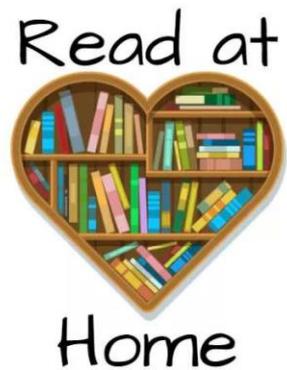
Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust

On 1st July 2022, our school will convert to become an Academy and join the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust (BCCET), in line with Bishop Robert's directive for all Catholic schools in our Diocese to be academies by July 2022. All stakeholders were previously consulted in March 2021 and all responses were considered. On this date our school will formally be known as **St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School** rather than St Mary Magdalen's RC VA Primary School. There will be no visible changes to you as families in terms of staffing, uniform, day to day routines and most importantly, the educational offer we provide for our children. The school will work closely with the BCCET and other Catholic schools within the trust to ensure we strive for excellence across our schools and that St Mary Magdalen's continues to grow and flourish as it always has done.

More information to follow on 'Chadwick's Kitchen' in terms of school lunch provision and some taster sessions will be arranged.

Reading at home

Please could we remind you how important it is for children to read at home. We dedicate a great deal of time to reading in school as we strongly believe this is the key to rich learning experiences. Reading even a short amount of time at home, as often as possible, will undoubtedly support this. We send home books from school but we know it is also important to share other books with children that they enjoy – we would love to hear about this too. We ask children read at least **5 times** at home every week then they will also receive a reading raffle ticket in school for our half-termly draw.



Music



It's back! We are very pleased to say that St Mary Magdalen's Got Talent will take place on Wednesday 6th July in school. Children are encouraged to enter and auditions will take place in school very soon. Parents will be invited to watch the show.

Music Showcase

For the first time, our musicians will also be performing in school with Mrs. Milne and Mr. Charlton in an after-school event on Thursday 7th July. Children will be invited to share their talents and showcase what they have been working on this year. We are very proud of them all.



Important Dates for your diary!!!

June Dates

- 14th – Y5 and Y6 Football finals / presentation
- 15th-16th – Year 6 residential to York.
- 15th – Y1 Phonics check
- 16th – Y4 Multiplication Check
- 16th – Y5 Athletics
- 17th – Sportathon in school
- 21st – Y5 Netball
- 22nd – KS1 to Hardwick Park
- 23rd – New Reception Parents Visit
- 23rd – Y2 and Y4 Athletics
- 27th-30th – Health and Fitness Week
- 27th – Y6 to Adventure Sunderland
- 28th – Year 6 to Primary Youth Festival
- 29th – St Bede's Transition
- 30th – Sports Day

July Dates

- 1st – INSET day
- 4th – Y5 Orienteering at Broom House
- 4th – 8th – DT Week (Food)
- 5th – Seaham High Transition
- 6th – STMM Got Talent
- 7th – Y5 Cricket
- 7th – Music Showcase
- 8th – KS1 African Dancing
- 11th – Whole School Transition
- 12th – New Reception Transition
- 12th/ 13th – Footsteps into Paradise at Durham Cathedral (Selected Year 5 children)
- 13th – Y4 Skipping Festival
- 14th – Year 6 Performance
- 15th – Reports to go out
- 20th – Y6 Leavers Mass
- 21st – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 21st – Break up for holidays @ 1.30pm

Sportathon



REMINDER: Friday 17th June

Children will be taking part in sports events all throughout the day, including Quidditch, Soft Archery, Boxercise and Boot Camps! Please ensure your sponsor forms and money are returned ASAP. Many thanks!

Visits and Visitors



Reception enjoyed a fun-filled day at Tweddle Farm. They were learning all about animals linked to their topic of 'Growing'. A fantastic experience.

Year 2 had a day at Shotton Hall trying some athletic activities and orienteering outdoors. They were all very tired on return to school.



The whole school had Street Games training during the last week, learning games they can play at break time.



Class Liturgical Prayer



Our Liturgical Prayer sessions will be continuing this term with EY/KS1 classes leading these acts of worship. Dates are as follows:

Featherbed – Wed 13th July

Fleetrock – Wed 29th June

Redacre – Wed 6th July

Reception – Wed 22nd June

Classes will lead this in our school studio at gam and parents are welcome to join us.

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

School News!



Walking Bus

Our walking bus has started every Friday at 8.20am from Sainsburys or our Church car park. Please join us for some fresh air if you can.

First Holy Communion



A wonderful service for our children who were very well prepared in school by staff and Catechists. A big thank you to Mrs. Wilkinson for organising this, as well as our families for your support in preparing the children.

Home Walk Project

We hope children in Years 3, 4 and 5 have received their 'Home Walk' Project books and would like to take part in the challenge. We think it is a great way to spend time as a family! Keep a record of what you do and They will be collected in in September. Have fun!



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



The whole school enjoyed a fantastic celebration to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which included Portraits of the Queen in different media, a themed afternoon tea lunch, learning the national anthem and even a visit from the Mayor who brought medals.



Our Lady of Fatima

Children from Reception and George Elmy enjoyed a wonderful morning in church with Father Marc to pray the Rosary with our parish.



Huge congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 football teams who have both won their leagues and also many cup trophies. A highly successful season it has been. We are immensely proud!



Don't forget – every school day counts!