

St Mary Magdalene C of E Federation

Woolwich Campus Summer Term 1 - 2024



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

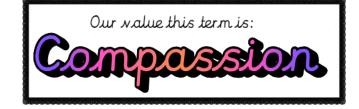
Welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer Term! I am really pleased to be starting the Summer Term focusing on respect and compassion. We are proud of the fantastic work our children, staff and parents have done to live out our vision and values over the school year. We are all looking forward to continuing this good work with you.

Over the Summer Term, there are national tests in Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6. The children have been showing great resilience and determination to be successful and flourish in their learning. James 1:12 (NIV) "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." Please keep all of our children in your prayers as they take part in their assessments and reassure them that they are all unique, and thriving.

Our behaviour policy reflects our vision and values and is based on doing unto others, as you want to be done unto you. Behaviour management strategies are adapted to ensure all children are being supported to show positive behaviour in school, positive behaviour continues to be a priority for all staff. We value your continued support and ask you encourage your child/ren to show the very best, respectful behaviour they can.

There are many exciting events taking place over the Summer Term, and we warmly welcome to join us at these. Please look at the **diary dates letter** to ensure that you know what is happening.

I wish you a lovely term ahead, Mrs Savva-Brown



This term we will be thinking about **Respect** and **Compassion**, and how we can be respectful and compassionate to others. **Please talk to your child/ren about how they can be respectful to all in school, and how they can show compassion, and support others to be compassionate.**





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A message from the Federation Chaplain, Rev Dom

Wow. Can you feel it? The excitement, the anticipation. Summer is here!! The clocks have changed, Easter is done, the grass is growing and getting greener, the days are getting longer and the gaps between the rain clouds are getting bigger.

Our summer terms are full.

Full of learning, full of things to do outside in the sunshine. Our days are full and our evenings too. Soaking up the good weather and hopefully enjoying God's amazing world full of colour and life and laughter.

Even with all this busy-ness filling up our lives, let us not forget to give thanks. Let us not forget to offer help to those who need it.

To offer a smile to someone on the train, to offer a seat to someone on the bus, or a word of kindness to someone who looks like they need it.

For it is sharing and caring and loving and giving thanks that all will know that we are God's children, Disciples who choose to live their life with the light of Love in our hearts and the joy of heaven in our minds.

Give thanks! For this is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

Federation Chaplain Koinonia Federation Schools Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry



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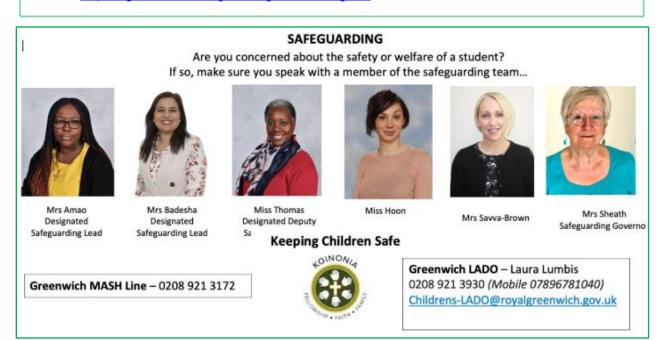
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Safeguarding

Safeguarding and keeping our children safe are very important to us. If you have any suggestion on how we can improve on our safety measures, please do speak with Mrs Savva-Brown. If you have any concerns about any child's safety or child protection, please see the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Amao or Mrs Badesha ASAP. If she is not available, please see Miss Thomas or Ms Hoon or Mrs Savva-Brown.

There are photographs of the Safeguarding team placed in each classroom, please talk to your children and encourage them to talk to the adults in school if ever they need to. For information on Safeguarding, please see the Greenwich's Safeguarding Children Partnership website https://greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/



Whatsapp and other social communication

Children are growing up in a technological age that brings exciting online opportunities and experiences but also challenges. We have recently seen a number of e-safety related concerns, particularly in relation to whatsapp and other messaging platforms within online gaming. One common theme within these relates to issues of children communicating inappropriately or unkindly with each other as one-to-one or in groups. At times, this is being brought into school with staff resolving issues. Please click on the link to read more information about internet safety. It provides information on legal ages to use media, e-safety issues, controls and more. School will always help where we can, and we ask that you continue to work with us and take appropriate action at home to address inappropriate online behaviour with your child/ren.

https://www.internetmatters.org/

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