

# St Mary's Mag



Reverend Melanie Fitzgerald has been the Reverend at St Mary's Church for 18 years and she has recently announced her retirement. I'm sure Reverend Melanie will be missed by all in her congregation as well as by the wider Walkley community. She will be retiring before Easter and I hope you join me in wishing her the very best for her retirement. I would say that I know Reverend Melanie is looking forward to putting her feet up, but in actual fact she is looking forward to saddling up and spending more time with her horses. The ties between our school and our church have been incredibly tight throughout the years due to the passion and commitment that Reverend Melanie has shown in ensuring that all children who attend St Mary's are welcomed into our Christian family and are loved as a child of God. Anyone who has ever been to an event at St Mary's will have seen Reverend Fitzgerald championing the school and the pupils in anyway that she can. She has been a driving force for raising standards and ensuring that our school welcomes all families from our diverse community.

We are very fortunate that Reverend Melanie will be remaining on our Governing Body to ensure that our ties with the church continue to remain strong after her departure and to continue to support our wonderful school with the passion and commitment she has always shown. Please keep checking the newsletter for details about how we can thank her for her service to the Church nearer her retirement date.

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## Book Swap

BOOKSWAP



Reading is incredibly important in developing children's learning, but books can be expensive. We would encourage all families to register at their local library and visit it frequently, but we also know that children like owning books. We want to set up a book swap shop so every Wednesday, children can bring a book they no longer want to own and swap it for another. For this to be successful all children need to have a book to start with, but we are aware that some children in school may not own a book. This is a plea – if you have any children's books (picture books or novels) in good condition, we would be very grateful for them so we can set up the Book Swap Shop. If you could bring any books into school and leave them outside Miss Miller's office. Many thanks.

## Lunchtime Supervisor

We have a temporary position in school for a lunchtime supervisor from January 2020 until July 2020 to support children every lunchtime in the dining hall and the Key Stage 1 yard. If you would like register your interest, or know someone in the community who would be suitable, please speak to Miss Hawksworth.

## Parking

We are still having issues with people parking on the double yellow lines and on the zigzag lines outside school. We have received concerns about this from parents and neighbours as it endangers lives.

To keep raising awareness I am running a leaflet design competition. Entries to be received by Monday 18th November. The winning leaflet will be used by members of staff to remind people about where to park. The fantastic winning design will receive a gift voucher.

## Children in Need

We will be having a Children in Need Disco with DJ Webb in the school hall on Friday 15th November 2019. Children can either wear spotty clothes, party clothes or Pudsey accessories all day. We are asking for a 50p donation towards this worthwhile cause.



This Week's Menu is: **Week 3**



## Autumn Term 2 Week 1 2019

- Parent Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 9:15-9:30am every week - all are welcome.
- Y1 and Y2 to Music in the Round 5.11.19
- Y5 to Weston Park 6.11.19
- Parks and countryside in to speak to JLT 6.11.19
- Be Bright, Be seen assembly 6.11.19
- Remembrance assembly 11.11.19
- Reverend Melanie Assembly 13.11.19
- Children in Need Disco 15.11.19