



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine'

Isaiah 43:1

Friday 10th January 2020

Happy New Year to all our families! We hope that 2020 brings you lots of happiness.

Dates for Diary

Dates for Diary for the Spring Term are at the end of the newsletter. Dates for diary for the school year are available via our school website via the 'Parent' tab, then 'Parent calendar'. Please note that dates are subject to change but in the event of a date needing to be changed, we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible. We will be hosting some Parent Workshops in the new year but at this stage, dates have not been decided.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Freya (year 3) and Paige (Year 4) who have both taken part in pantomimes over the Christmas period. Freya has taken part in Snow White at the Liverpool Echo Arena and Paige has taken part in Aladdin at the St Helens Theatre Royal

Health and Safety/Safeguarding

This week our Health and Safety Team met to discuss Health and Safety. Health and Safety/Safeguarding If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve any aspect of Health and Safety/School Safeguarding, please speak to Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Culley, Mr Pimblett, Mr Braithwaite or your child's class teacher. Alternatively, please call into the school office to pass on your concerns.

Holy Communion Reminder

If your child was not Baptised in SMMJ, families are required to provide proof of their children's baptism by the end of January to ensure their children will receive the Sacrament this year... Thank you.

Year 4 Holy Communion Preparation Classes Dates

A letter listing the dates for the Holy Communion meetings has been given out to all Year 4 children who have been enrolled to make their Holy Communion later on in the year. It is essential that children attend these preparation classes in the lead up to their first Holy Communion. In the event that your child is unable to attend, please inform the parish house at the earliest convenience.

A Polite Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers that if they experience any worries or concerns with issues that may arise in school, the appropriate action is to approach a member of staff. We ask that under no circumstances do you approach a child or another parent. Thank you for cooperation.

Swimming

Year 4 are currently benefiting from swimming lessons and have shown fantastic progress so far.

Match Funding

If any parent works for a bank and is in a position to assist the PTA with match funding, please contact school. We would love to hear from you.

Breakfast and After School Club

Please ensure that you only allow your children to arrive at school for breakfast club no earlier than 8.00am and also ensure they are collected no later than 17.30pm from after school club.

The clubs are only staffed adequately between these times any early arrivals or late collections are putting pupils and staff at risk. Thank you for your understanding. Please note that only pupils in Breakfast Club are allowed into school before 8.40am as there is no adult supervision in classrooms prior to this time.

Anti-Bullying

Please speak with your child at home about the implications of bullying and the need to treat others as they themselves wish to be treated. Should something upset your child, this should be reported immediately to an adult so that it can be dealt with accordingly. Retaliation is unhelpful and will be sanctioned. Please also speak to your child about not passing tales to other children of things that they have heard said about them. This again is unhelpful and can be very upsetting for the child concerned. Should your child hear or see something that they are not comfortable with, this should again be reported to an adult. Every child should feel happy in school and therefore it is important that we all work together to achieve this

Book Fair

The book fair will be in school from Wednesday 15th January until Wednesday 22nd January 2020 offering a wide range of books at half price. All classes will get the opportunity to visit the book fair during the school day and it will also be open after school in the hall should you wish to visit with your child.

Attendance

Congratulations to our top attending classes 6LT, 5SA , 4MG, 3TM. The top attending class (and bonus playtime) was 5SA-Well Done!

Punctuality

Please note that the front school gate closes at 8.50am after which the children should enter school via the main office. Please note that registration takes place at 8.55am after which pupils will be marked as late. Please note that pupils arriving after 9.30am are recorded as absent. Please help your child to get as much as possible out of their education by ensuring that they are in school on time every day. If you have any problems in improving your child's punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Mossmann, Mrs Perry, Mrs Culley or Mrs Wilkinson. We are here to help!

Activities and Clubs for week beginning Monday 13th January 2020

Mon

Breakfast and After School club
Year 5 & 6 - Basketball club till the February half term.
Year 6 - Rebound - 3.05-4.05pm

Tues

Breakfast and After School club
Year 5 - Drama Club at lunch
Year 5 - Rebound - 3.05-4.05pm
Year 6 - Art Club at lunchtime

Wed

Breakfast and After School club
Year 5 - Gymnastics 8-8:50am
Year 3 - Rebound - 3.05-4.05pm
Year 5 - Bleep Test/Fitness lunch

Thurs

Breakfast and After School club
Year 5 & 6 - Girl's Football at lunch
Year 5 - Drama Club at lunch
Year 4 - Rebound - 3.05-4.05pm
Year 3 & 4 Boy's Football - 3.05 - 4.00pm

Fri

Breakfast and After School club
Year 5 - Drama Club at lunch
Year 5 and 6 - Spanish Club at lunch
Year 6 - Bleep Test/Fitness lunch

LETTERS THAT HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO PARENTS THIS WEEK (available on our school website):-

Year 4 First Holy Communion

Should you wish your child to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion, the following masses will take place to help to prepare them:

25th January(5.30pm) or 26th January (10am)

29th February(5.30pm) or 1st March(10am)

First Reconciliation 12th March (6pm)

28th March(5.30pm) or 29th March(10am)

25th April(5.30pm) or 26th April(10am)

CHURCH LINKS - Please find further information in the Church News letter

Mass Celebration Times for St Margaret Mary's Church

Please see below the mass time for St Margaret Mary's. I know Fr Ian would love to see you and your families in church.

Sat 4:45pm Adoration & Confessions (until 5:20) 5:30pm, **Sun** 10:00am

Parish office hours are **Mon - Tues 10:00 to 12:00** and **Wed - Friday 10:00 - 3:00** for all **non-emergency calls**.

The Parish Centre is available for hire for family parties etc and their contact number is 0151 220 6616. A copy of the parish newsletter is always available in our foyer and on the school website under Catholic Life.

DATES FOR DIARY-SPRING TERM

January

13th Year 4 Swimming
14th Year 4 Swimming
15th Year 4 Swimming
Closing Date for applications to the Junior School
16th Year 4 Swimming
21st Parent Forum (9am)
NSPCC Assembly (Whole School)
NSPCC Workshops (Years 5 and 6)
22nd Year 3/Year 4 School Disco (time to be confirmed)
NSPCC Workshops (Years 5 and 6)
29th-Year 5/Year 6 Disco

February

1st February-Keystage 2 invited to Saturday Evening Mass
2nd February-Keystage 2 children invited to Sunday Morning Mass
3rd-Year 4 Parent Workshop (2pm)
4th-Year 5 Parent Workshop (2pm)
5th-Year 3 Parent Workshop (2pm)
Governors' Staffing, Finance and Buildings Committee (5pm)
6th-Year 6 SATs Workshop (5pm)
11th-Year 5 Safe on the Internet Assembly (5pm)
12th Well Being Wednesday
Governors' Curriculum and Policies Meeting
13th Bishop Tom Williams to visit (9.30am)
14th Coffee Morning
Break Up for February Half Term Holiday
24th INSET Day for Staff-School Closed to Children
25th Children return to school
26th Community Cohesion Meeting (4pm)

March

4th-Change Team Meeting (4pm)
5th-World Book Day
Book Sale (am)-time to be confirmed
15th-18th March-Year 6 away (Concover Hall)
Week Beginning 16th March-Assessment Week
16th - Transition Afternoon for Year 2 pupils
17th- Parent Forum
18th Transition Afternoon for Year 2 pupils
Year 5/6 Disco (time to be confirmed)
Local Governing Body Meeting (5pm)
19th Transition Afternoon for Year 2 pupils
20th Coffee Morning
Transition Afternoon for Year 2 pupils
23rd- Year 3 Swimming
Transition Morning for Year 2
24th- Year 3 Swimming
Transition M Year 3 Swimming
Transition Morning for Year 2
25th Year 3 Swimming
Transition Morning for Year 2
Speech Choir Performance (to be confirmed)
26th Year 3 Swimming
Transition Morning for Year 2

Parents' Day-3CF and 3HW
27th Year 3 Swimming
30th Year 3 Swimming
Transition Morning for Year 2
Parents' Day-3TM and 3NW
4KH
5JO
31st Year 3 Swimming
Transition Morning for Year 2
Parents' Day-4CH and 4ST
5SA and 5JK

April

1st Year 3 Swimming
Transition Morning for Year 2
Year 3 and 4 Disco (time to be confirmed)
Parents' Day-Year 6
Year 5 CM
Year 4 GM
2nd Year 3 Swimming
Transition Morning for Year 2
Passion Play (3.30pm)
3rd Easter Service (10am)
Feel Good Friday

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



We're working
towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Choices ✓
Make the healthy choice