



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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'Choosing God above Everything else' Luke 14: 25-33

Friday 17th January 2020

The children have settled back into the school really well and we are delighted with the improvements both academically and pastorally of a number of children.

Disciple of The Week

This week we have introduced a new initiative 'Disciple of the Week'. Each teacher will be asked to nominate a child who consistently demonstrates the Gospel Values and school Mission Statement (where a few children are meeting this criteria, names of eligible children will be placed in a hat and a name drawn out). Next week, these children will be escorted by Mrs Culley to our Infant School to assist in classes. Our very first disciples of the week are:-

6AC Hannah
6JP Kevin
6LT Cheryl
6KW Arlo
5SA Ava
5JK Theo
5CM Lucie
5JO Faye
4CH Harriet
4KH Ayana
4GM Lucie
4ST Maisie
3CF Sofia
3TM Lydia
3HW Georgia
3NW Mabella

We are all very proud of these children and Mrs Byrne is very much looking forward to seeing them.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jack (4KH) whose kindness and helpfulness was recognised by a member of the general public this week. Well Done Jack! What a super ambassador for our school!

Health and Safety/Safeguarding

This week our school had a Health and Safety Audit which proved to be very successful. 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.

NSPCC Session

Next week our pupils will benefit from an assembly delivered by the NSPCC 'Speak Out'. Following the assembly, Years 5 and 6 will benefit from some workshop sessions.

Medical Needs Meeting

Next week, our Medical Needs Team will meet to discuss our pupils with medical needs. If your child has medical needs, please ensure that school have the most up to date information and medication to deal with your child's condition

Year 3 and 4 Disco

Year 3 and 4 Disco will take place next Wednesday (22nd January) at 3.15pm. Please note that due to the disco, there will be no Choir this week.

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 have shown fantastic progress with their swimming lessons-we are delighted with them.

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

Many thanks to all who have supported our Book Fair. The book fair will continue in school until next 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.

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.

CLC

Year 3 are currently benefiting from sessions delivered by a member of staff from the CLC

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!

Team Points (Week Ending 17th January)

| HOUSE | TOTAL YEAR 3 | TOTAL YEAR 4 | TOTAL YEAR 5 | TOTAL YEAR 6 | TOTAL WHOLE SCHOOL |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| St Patrick | | 29 | 311 | 59 | 399 |
| St David | | 30 | 267 | 40 | 337 |
| St George | | 27 | 281 | 46 | 354 |
| St Andrew | | 32 | 265 | 45 | 342 |

Activities and Clubs for week beginning Monday 20th January 2020

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| <p>Mon Breakfast and After School club Year 5 & 6 - Basketball club till the February half term. Year 6 - Rebound - 3.05-4.05pm</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> | <p>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</p> <p>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</p> |
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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

- 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 (Condoover 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

