



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week
Hope

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"May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

Welcome to the Summer Term which, with Sports Days, Holy Communion, School Trips, Awards, Leavers' Events (and much more) promises to be a busy and exciting term!

RECOGNITION BOARD



Well done to Jude, Harry and Jude!

The boys are Champions League winners in their ASC Barca under 9's football team.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

All emails relating to pupil absences must now be sent to schools our email address - stmargaret@knowsley.gov.uk

SWAP STATION

Our newly introduced Swap Station has been popular with the children.



The swap station aims to encourage and educate pupils on eating well and trying new foods. Pupils can choose to swap an item such as crisps or chocolate for a healthier alternative. The items that the pupils have swapped will be sent back home with them at the end of the day.

The swap station aims to:

- Support healthy habits that last a lifetime
- Reduce the amount of high fat, sugar and salt pupils consume across the week. This will improve concentration and energy levels throughout the day.
- Contribute to pupils reaching their 5-a-day of fruit and vegetables.
- Encourage pupils to try new foods- great if your child is a picky eater!

We hope to have our whole school community on board with our swap station as we promote healthy eating habits for all our pupils.

Within the next few weeks, we will also be introducing a salad bar into the dining room.

May we remind parents that the only snacks that the children should be bringing into school at breaktime are fruit, vegetables or toast. Sweets, crisps and chocolate are not permitted during break times.

SPORT NEWS

Next week, a group of our pupils will take part in an Archery festival held at Kirkby High School.

PARENT FORUM

Our first Parent Forum of the Summer Term will take place next Tuesday (29th April) at 9.30am. The zoom code will be sent out at the start of next week.

The Book Fair will be arriving in school on Wednesday 7th May. Parents/carers will be able to attend the Book Fair in the school hall with their children after school on Wednesday 7th May - Tuesday 13th May from 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm. Books can be paid for easily while you are at the Fair by cash or scanning a QR code on your phone to access the parent pay website.

Each class will be allocated a day when they can browse the Book Fair and create a 'Wish List' of books that they wish to purchase. This list will be brought home and parents can make the decision as to whether they wish to order some of the books listed. All payments are to be made online with the Book Fair's secure payment system: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay> The list of books purchased, along with your payment reference number, must be returned to school no later than Monday 12th May.

Each book purchased helps build school rewards, which we can use towards stocking up our school library and classrooms with free books!

RACISM AND INCLUSION

You may remember that some of our Year 6 children were invited to a 'Racism and Inclusion' session at Finch Farm before the holidays? Here they got to meet some EFC stars of the past and present and got to listen to some very important messages and they asked some great questions. One of the stars that they spoke to was Abdoulaye Doucoure who the children got to talk to and ask questions linked to his life and how racism has affected him.

At the end of the session, Martha and Eva-Grace asked Doucs if he would do their celebration the next time he scored (which included a golf swing) which he reluctantly agreed to. Well would you believe it? The very next match, he scored the winning goal in the last minute to beat Nottingham Forest 1-0 and he duly kept his promise. To top this all off, the session was filmed by the BBC and was shown on Football Focus last Saturday morning! What a brilliant experience for all concerned!





CULTURE COFFEE MORNING

Join us next week for our Culture Coffee morning where the children will be displaying the work that they have been covering within their Personal Development (SHINE) lessons (Equality and Diversity). Representatives from each year group will take part in this event. All parents are welcome to attend next **Friday (2nd May)** -doors open at **9.15am**

REMINDER

Due to a change in our admin team, reception will only be covered until 4.00pm each day. The number to contact our After School Club on, is in reception.

After School Mobile Number - 07392 153 263.

Social Values Partnership Project

The Swanside Councillors work closely with our school all year round. Through their social business partnership working, a Merseyside painting company agreed to pain the canteen area at our school so when the children returned after the Easter break it will be refreshed and looking great with a new colour scheme. This is another example of the local schools and Councillors working together to improve the area where we live and thrive. Thank you so much to our local councillors for their continued support!



Extra-Curricular Timetable

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children to participate in during the SummerTerm. Please see the timetable below:-

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Board Game Club 12.35pm-1.05pm				
	After School					
Y4	Before School		Bleep Test 8.30am-8.50am			
	Lunchtime	Clay making club 12-12:20pm			Times Tables Club 12-12:20pm Origami 12.30-1pm	
	After School		Booster 3:15pm - 4pm		Booster 3:15pm - 4pm	
Y5	Before School					
	Lunchtime			Card Games 12:20-12:50		
	After School				Athletics 3:15pm - 4:15pm	
Y6	Before School	Table Tennis 8.30am-9am	Bleep Test 8.30am-8.50am	Girl's Football 8am-8.30am	Football 8.30am-9am	Football 8.30am-9am
	Lunchtime	Chess Club 12.20-12.40pm			Origami 12.30-1pm	
	After School	Gaelic Football 3.15pm-4.15pm	Booster 3.15pm-4pm	Athletics 3.15pm-4.15pm		

SUMMER TERM DATES FOR DIARY

(Please note that dates are subject to change but, in the event of change, we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible)

APRIL

29th 9.30am-Parent Forum Meeting (Zoom)-Sophie Ahearne Healthy Schools' Team to attend
30th-Pm Year 3 Fruit and Vegetable Tasting Workshop

MAY

1st Pm-Year 3 Fruit and Vegetable tasting workshop
2nd-9.15am-Culture Coffee Morning
6pm- Initial Meeting with Year 2 Parents (on Zoom)*
10th Holy Communion (12 noon)
Week Beginning 12th May- End of Keystage 2 Test Week
13th Year 3 to Liverpool Museum
14th 4.30pm-Governors' Meeting
17th Holy Communion (10am and 12noon)
21st 5pm-Lower School Production (Aladdin)
22nd-9.15am- Year 6 Sports Day
1.30pm and 5pm-Lower School Production (Aladdin)
23rd-Break Up for Half Term

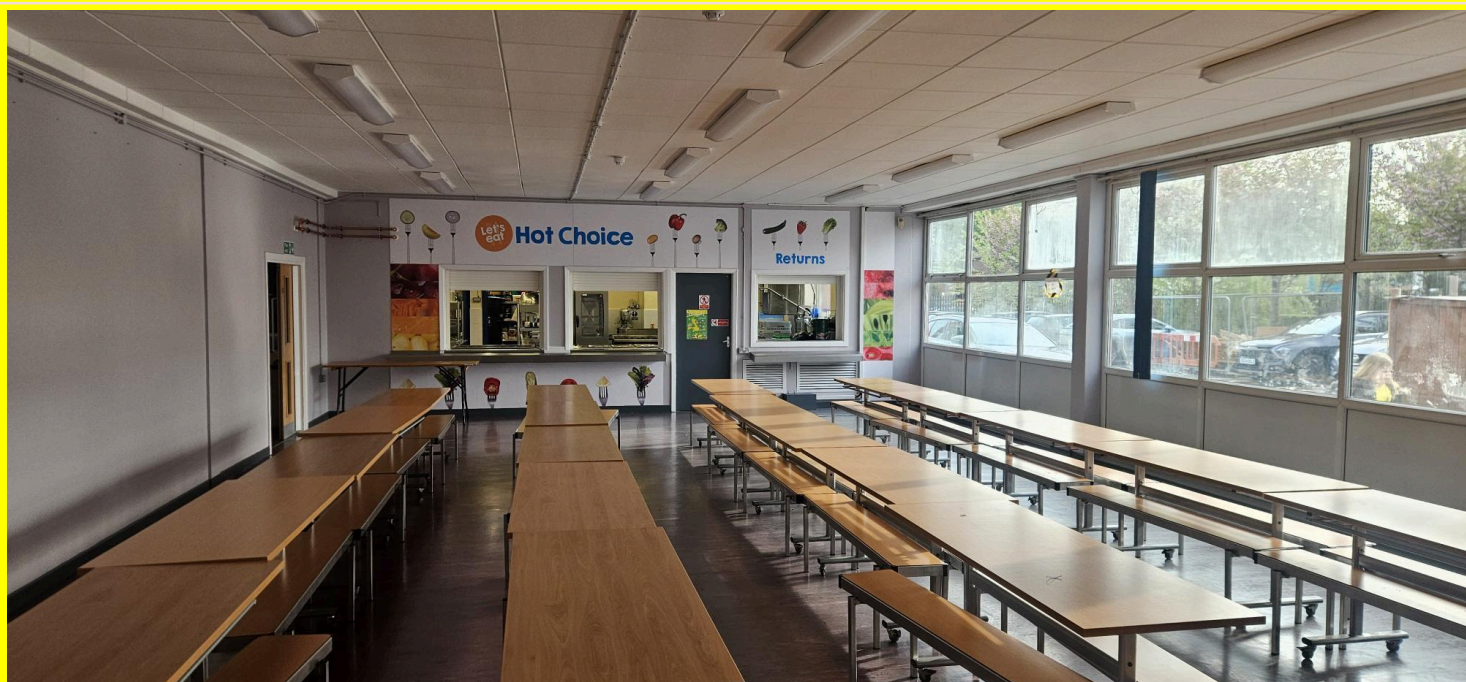
JUNE

WB 9th-Imagine My Future Week-Year 6
Child Centred Reviews-Year 3
13th Pink Day
WB 16th-Child Centred Reviews Year 4
17th- Height and Weight Checks
9.15 am Year 5 Sports Day
6pm-Parent Forum (Zoom)
18th 9.15am-Year 4 Sports Day
19th 9.15am-Year 3 Sports Day
WB 23rd- Child Centred Reviews Year 6
Year 3-5 Assessment Week
23rd-School Closed-Knowsley 50th Anniversary Celebration
24th-Year 4 Holy Communion School Celebration
26th- Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to Gulliver's World
9.30am Year 6 Sports Day (Reserve Day)
27th 9.15am Coffee Morning led by Year 3
Year 5 and Year 6 Trip to Gulliver's World
Week Beginning 30th June-Transition Week
Child Centred Reviews Year 5

JULY

2nd 3.30pm Meet the Teacher Year 4 for Year 3 parents
3rd -9.30am SMMJ University Celebration
Week Beginning 7th-Year 5 Child Centred Reviews
5pm- Meet the Teacher Year 3 (for Year 2 parents)
8th- 9.15am-Year 5 Reserve Sports Day
9th-9.15am-Reserve Sports Day Year 3
3.30pm-Meet the Teacher Year 5 (for Year 4 parents)
4.30pm-Full Governors' Meeting
10th 9.15am-Reserve Sports Day Year 4

3.30pm-Meet the Teacher Year 6 (for Year 5 parents)
11.30am-Year 2 School lunch
16th 5.30pm-Year 6 Production
17th 9.30am- Awards Morning (Years 3-5)
5.30pm-Year 6 Production for parents
18th am-Year 6 Leavers' Mass (time tbc)
21st 9.15am-Year 6 Awards
5.30pm-Year 6 Leavers' Party
22nd-End of Term Mass (time tbc)
Break Up for Summer Holiday -Years 3-5 1.30pm
Year 6 1.45pm



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