



# St Maria Goretti Newsletter

9th September 2016 Autumn 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all, especially to our new pupils and families of St Maria Goretti. A particularly special welcome to our new pupils in the nursery who started this week. They have already settled and are making lots of new friends. There were lots of tears, *but never mind... we gave the parents cups of tea and tissues!*

The staff have continued to prepare classrooms and everywhere in the building looks refreshed as we have had some refurbishment. A lot has been going on in school during the holidays and, as we start a new academic year, I would like to update you on a few important items.

## Staffing

We welcome some new members of staff

Mrs Sue Hawley School Business and Finance Manager

Mrs Ann-Marie Hawley - Pupil Support

Mr Christian Hill- PE coach

Mr Calvert and Mrs Stubbs have been seconded to support at St Augustine's and St Gregory's academies for the next twelve months. This provides excellent support for our MAC partners, whilst providing experience for these staff. Their service is much appreciated by everyone.

## Parent Director Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a parent director on the board of directors of All Saints Catholic Collegiate. This post requires experience of leadership at the appropriate level as strategic decisions are required involving financial management, leadership and progress data targets. Details of the nomination process will be sent shortly to all academies within the collegiate.

## Staffing Structure

On the back of this letter an overview of the leadership and staffing structure is provided for your information and reference. Please note that, whilst we aim to provide an 'open door' policy to see parents, this may not always be possible without an appointment. The head of school and assistant headteachers have teaching commitments and may not be available. An appointment can be made to see Mrs Yates- executive headteacher/principal - on request. Please see Mrs Hawley — School Business and Finance Manager to arrange.

## Working Parties

As part of our School Development Plan for 2016-2017 we will be widening the involvement of staff and parents in monitoring the progress of school improvement. Details will be published in the next newsletter so please consider joining one of these groups where you will work with school staff to share your views.

## Attendance

Please note that the academy policy is that no holiday requests will be authorised during term time. Pupil attendance is vitally important to securing a child's progress and this is monitored weekly in school and by the Education Welfare Officer. Parents are required to contact the school on the first day of a child's absence to record the reason for absence on the school register. Your co-operation with this policy is expected and appreciated.

Finally, your prayers are asked for Mr Calvert whose father sadly died during the holiday. Also, Mrs Moor, whose mother-in-law passed away and Mr Baylay, whose mother passed away during the summer holiday period.

Please pray for them during this very sad time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M Yates. Executive Headteacher.



## DINNER MONEY FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

School Meal prices for September are  
 Nursery — £2.30 (£11.50 per week payable on a Monday)  
 Key Stage 2 — £2.40 (£12.00 per week payable on a Monday)



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL UNIFORM



Uniform is no longer available to purchase from the school.  
 Uniform is available by order from [supersports.co.uk](http://supersports.co.uk)  
 Please visit the website [www.supersports.co.uk](http://www.supersports.co.uk).



Also available from Longton Protective clothing  
 Inside Timberland in Longton.



We propose to hold the first Parent forum  
 on October 12th at 2pm in school  
All are welcome

### St Maria Goretti Academy - Staffing Structure

