



# St Maria Goretti Newsletter

21st October 2016 Autumn 4



Dear parents and carers,

Last Thursday our staff and pupils attended the Combined Schools mass at St Gregory's church. As always, this was a wonderful celebration and reminds us all how lucky we are to be part of such a wonderful Christian community.

I have received reports of a serious racist incident involving one of our parents who was extremely abusive to another parent. We are taking this matter seriously and have reported it to Staffordshire Police. The abuse came from a lady, driving a black car, which stopped at the school gates. If anyone has witnessed the incident, or has any information about the driver, or car registration, could you please see Mrs Cooper or myself. This will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We **MUST** take action against ANY person being racist, or abusive. Children witnessed the incident and this cannot be tolerated for any reason.

This week we have received a visit from our Education Welfare Officer and she has listed the names of the families who have taken their children out of school during term time. Please note, the school's policy is that no holidays will be authorised during term time. The Academy committee is due to meet to discuss this important issue and the local authority has already sent letters to parents, where necessary.

Congratulations to two of our pupils, Zoe Wallace and Jake Saville who have become altar servers in our parish: We are very proud of them. A reminder that the mass on Sunday, 30th October is for those receiving First Holy Communion.

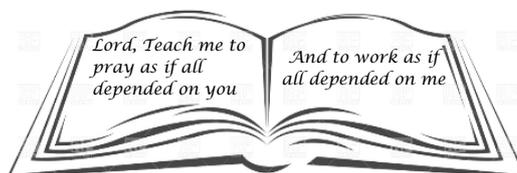
Have an enjoyable half-term.

Mrs M Yates  
Executive Headteacher



## Parent Masses for First Holy Communion

Sunday	30th	October 2016	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	20th	November 2016	Feast of Christ King
Sunday	11th	December 2016	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday	22nd	January 2017	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	12th	February 2017	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	19th	March 2017	3rd Sunday in Lent
Sunday	9th	April 2017	Palm Sunday
Sunday	30th	April 2017	3rd Sunday of Easter
Sunday	18th	June 2017	Feast of Corpus Christi



**BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 3 WHO ARE LAST WEEK'S  
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS WITH 100% - FANTASTIC! WOW!**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 4 FOR BEST ATTENDANCE FROM  
7TH SEPTEMBER 2016 TO 14TH OCTOBER 2016**

**WITH 98.3%**



**THE OVERALL SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE FIGURE IS 97.1%**

**It is essential that you ensure your child gets to school on time.**



**The school doors open at 8.45 and close at 8.55**



**Registration is taken at 8.55am prompt**

**School finishes each day at 3.15pm**

**Healthy Lunch box.**

As part of the school policy we promote healthy lunchboxes. Please ensure that your child's lunchbox contains healthier options such as sandwiches, fruit, non-fizzy drinks and a small snack/cereal bar.



**Inset day—Monday 31st October**

**Children start back after the half term break on Tuesday 1st November**



**My Baby Time**

**We are now running**

**sessions in school**

**9:45—10:45 Thursdays**

**£3.00**

**per family**



**High School applications for September 2017 - need to be back in school by 31st October 2016**

**School Gates**

**The office will open the school gates at 3:10 each day providing the children are all back in class after Assembly**

**St Maria Goretti RC Church**



**Present their pre-'Christmas Market'**

**Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**



**St Maria Goretti School Hall  
£2 ticket admission includes refreshments**

**Journey in Faith  
2016-2017**

- for a deepening of our Catholic Faith
- for those who want to know more about the Catholic Faith
- for those who wish to become Catholic

**Thursdays 7.30—9.00pm**

**Beginning on Thursday 29th September 2016**

**In the Parish meeting room at St. Gregory's Longton Entrance facing Matalan Car Park entrance with free parking for the journey in Faith course  
For further information contact: Father John 313796**

**DINNER MONEY FOR  
SEPTEMBER 2016**

**School Meal prices from 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)**



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## ACADEMY COMMITTEE REPORT OCTOBER 2016

The Academy Committee representing both St Gregory's and St Maria Goretti Academies has met on two occasions this half term. At our first meeting we agreed the roles that each Representative will play in monitoring the schools and elected our Chair and Vice Chair. I was re-elected Chair for the next twelve months and **Mike McKenna** will continue to act as Vice Chair.

We also welcomed two new members to the Committee. **Fred Nukajam**, a parent at St Maria Goretti has been appointed as a Foundation Representative by the Diocese. Whilst, **David Baylay** has been elected as a Staff Representative.

At our second meeting we debated and approved the School Development Plans. These are important documents that set out how the staff at the two schools intends to develop and improve the education of our pupils in the year ahead.

The Committee will meet each term to review progress against these targets. Our next meeting is set for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

In addition to this smaller groups of Representatives will be meeting regularly to review key areas, such as: Finance, Resources and Health & Safety, Achievements & Standards and Admissions.

Finally, throughout the year individual Representatives will visit to discuss every subject with the appropriate members of staff.

As an Academy Committee we are proud to be associated with the dedicated and high quality staff employed at our two schools. They deliver outstanding teaching to every pupil. As a parent you get the opportunity to see this for yourself at the "Watch Me Learn" days. I would encourage anyone who has not yet sampled one of these to do at the next opportunity.

Ray Chadwick — Chair of Academy Committee — 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

ST MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC ACADEMY PART OF THE ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC COLLEGIATE.