



# St Maria Goretti Newsletter

27th November 2015

Autumn 6



Dear Parents/Carers

I will begin with the good news that our school attendance figure has improved and is currently at **97.3%**. This is one of the highest this has been and this is something for us all to celebrate as a school community. Pupil attendance is vitally important to children's progress and, although some families have received letters, the list of pupil persistent absentees is falling. Our target for every child is minimum 98% and the figure will be shared with parents each term so that you can check your child's attendance regularly.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that medical appointments should be taken outside the school day where possible, we are having a high number of pupils especially in Key Stage 1 taking too much time in the school day to attend routine appointments.

I want to thank you on behalf of all staff and children for attending our Watch Me Learn session today. It is always a pleasure and privilege to work in partnership with you and I'm sure you will join me in congratulating our children on their excellent attitude to learning.

Last week the chair of our Academy Representatives conducted a learning walk, where he met with the school council, held discussions with pupils and observed all pupils from Foundation 1, though to Year 6. The focus for his visit was to look at how our children and staff can seek to promote British Values, whilst celebrating other aspects of British culture. He was also monitoring the oracy and presentation skills of our children. Mr Chadwick's report was recently shared at the Academy Representatives full committee meeting.

*The school is a positive learning environment where the pupils enjoy their work. It is a great credit to all staff. (Mr Chadwick, Chair of Academy Representatives)*

Finally, the children will be working hard next week to produce items for sale at our Parish Bazaar to be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. We certainly appear to have a number of growing entrepreneurs who will be eager to sell at their stall. I do hope you can join us!  
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Z. Cooper (NPQH, SLE)  
Head Of School



**BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 5 WHO ARE LAST WEEK'S  
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS WITH 100% - WOW!**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 4**

**BEST ATTENDANCE FROM**

**9TH SEPT 2015 TO 20TH NOVEMBER WITH 99.2%**



**THE OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FIGURE IS 97.3%**



**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**



We are now running  
**My Baby Time** in school  
9:45–10:45 - Thursdays  
£3.00 per family



**Dates for your Diary**

Tickets are still available for the showing of "Hotel Transylvania 2".

"Christingle" KS1—Christmas Performance, Programmes available from the office. 2 per Family at 50p each.

Christmas Nativity production of "Off to Bethlehem" by Year 3 & 4. Tuesday 15th at 2pm and Wednesday 16th at 6pm

Confirmation of Year 5 and 6 pupils who are baptised Catholic and have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion :25th February at 7pm.

Holy Communion for pupils in Year 3 and above who are baptised Catholic : 22nd May at 10am

If you and your children are not baptised Catholic and are interested in becoming a Catholic, Please speak with Mrs Long.

**Whiteboard pens**

The whiteboard pens that we use in school are water based and therefore should be machine washable

**Reminder**

Please do not allow children to play on the playground equipment, including the trim trail, before and after school, the school cannot take responsibility for any injuries or damaged caused during this time.

St Maria Goretti are launching an app that will run on iPhone, Android, Windows8 and Windows phones. This will allow us to keep parents informed and up to date with everything that is going on at school.

This app is also able to translate into other languages.

This app is free to download. Please download it now! You can scan the QR code to download this instantly or visit [jsa4.me/stmariagoretti](http://jsa4.me/stmariagoretti) from your phone's browser

