



St Maria Goretti Newsletter



11th December 2015

Autumn 7



ACADEMY COMMITTEE REPORT DECEMBER 2015

The Academy Committee met for their termly meeting on Wednesday 18th November when the main item on the agenda was to receive a report from the Executive Headteacher for each of our schools. These reports are an opportunity for the staff to demonstrate to the Committee that progress is being made against the priorities that were agreed in the School Development Plan. One of the impressive statistics presented involved attendance, which is now over 97% at both schools. Well done to staff and pupils alike.

The Committee also heard that significant work is underway to improve, still further, the links between St Thomas More and its feeder primary academies. In addition to collaborative work in PE and Foreign Languages there is now moderation between teachers in Years 6 and 7 for Maths and English.

The Curriculum Group has also met this term and heard from subject leaders in Music and Computing on progress in these subjects.

The Finance & Resources Group has met to consider the finances, which I am pleased to report are within Budget. In addition they considered the Health and Safety reports prepared by the Link Representative as well as Fire Risk Audits and Accident Statistics for both sites.

In November I carried out a monitoring visit to each of the schools where my emphasis was on progress against the School Development Plan. At St Gregory's the Head and Deputy Head Boy and Girl, who were able to articulate their understanding of the key priorities enthusiastically, were my escorts. At St Maria Goretti, the School Council presented an impressive poster they had produced. This revealed how they had translated the key priorities into their own words. It will be displayed around the school so that everyone is aware of the importance of these objectives.

Both schools have produced and submitted the Annual Safeguarding Audit to the Local Authority. This demonstrated compliance with national requirements.



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff at St Gregory's and St Maria Goretti for the tremendous job they do in providing outstanding education for our children and wish them and you a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

Ray Chadwick Chair of Academy Committee



BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 4 WHO ARE LAST WEEK'S WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS WITH 98.7% - WOW!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 4
BEST ATTENDANCE FROM
9TH SEPT 2015 TO 4TH DECEMBER WITH 98.7%**



THE OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FIGURE IS 97.5%



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

Class Christmas Party's—17th December 2015

Christmas Nativity production of "Off to Bethlehem" by Year 3 & 4. Tuesday 15th at 2pm and Wednesday 16th at 6pm - Children in the performance need to arrive at 5:45pm to prepare for the performance.

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, Andriod, Windows8 and windows phones.

This will allow us to keep parents inform 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 QRG code to download this instantly or visit jsa4.me/stmariagoretti from your phones browser

