



# St Maria Goretti Catholic Academy Newsletter

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## Message from Mrs Yates

Dear parents and carers,

As we end this very busy half-term I would like to begin by thanking our wonderful team of staff in the school. The busy demands of the school day, with additional events-in between meetings within the school and across our multi-academy- are enthusiastically attended and their contributions so invaluable. Visitors to the school never fail to comment upon the 'warm' atmosphere and friendliness of everyone and we are blessed with such excellence.

Our Year 6 pupils approached their SATs tests very positively. We receive the results in July and hope that we can build on the success of recent years. Some of our children have been taking public examinations with the English Speaking Board. These develop vital communication skills which will prepare them for future employment and life-skills.

**Attendance: I want to make clear that it remains school policy that children are not permitted to take holidays during term-time.** This is stipulated at all

induction events. This year a number of pupils have been taken off-role in our academies due to unauthorised absence and the places have been allocated to pupils on the waiting list.

After half-term the children will transfer into their new classes for one day every week. This has proven very effective in helping the children to settle quickly at the start of the autumn term. Parents will be informed after half term, the names of the staff for each class.

As Executive Director for All Saints Catholic Collegiate, I will continue to work across all primary academies.

One of our longest-serving members of staff, Mrs Julie Scragg, will be leaving us today. Mrs Scragg has worked at St Maria Goretti for several decades and she will be missed by us all. We wish her every happiness for the future.

Finally, I have been praying for all those who have been affected by the tragic terrorist attack at the Manchester Arena, where our pupils recently performed as a choir.

Please remember these children and families in your prayers.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful half-term.

Mrs M Yates  
Executive Headteacher

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## Attendance reports

The whole school's current attendance percentage is 96.8% as at 19th May 2017

Year 5 and Year 6 were last week's certificate winners for excellent attendance with 100% - Well done!

Congratulations to Year 4 who have the best attendance from September 2016 with 98.2%

It is essential that your child gets to school on time each day. The school doors open at 8:45am.

Registration is taken at 8:55am

prompt. School finishes each day at 3:15pm. It is essential that your child is collected on time.

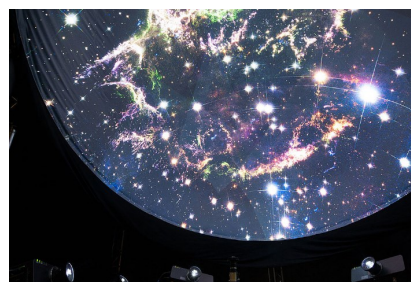
Clubs finish at 4:15pm unless otherwise stated on the letter sent out for that particular club.

## Subject Report : Science

We have been promoting science at St Maria Goretti as it is a subject that underpins and inspires. During week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> April we took part in a STEM week. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and maths. During this week the children enjoyed engaging in lots of activities such as: a computer programming challenge, a visit from JCB with a spaghetti and marshmallow tower building challenge.



ensure the school is becoming more eco-friendly. The group decided that a good way to help the environment will be to pick litter during lunchtimes, to begin a gardening club to improve the school environment and to encourage the school to be better to the environment through informative posters.



Children were involved in a star dome space experience, science experiments in class and finally a lemonade and mint volcano challenge. The school eco-club meet one lunchtime per week to

## St Gregory's French Adventure

Chloie, Madison and Patrycja will be joining friends on 12th June as they embark on a five day trip to France.

They will be staying in Le Chateau du Broutel. During their stay they will take part in many exciting activities, including visiting a French market. They will have the opportunity to practise their French. This will be a wonderful experience for the children. We know that they will have a fabulous time.



Bon Voyage!

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## **First Holy Communion**

Congratulation to our children who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 14th May 2017.

As part of their celebration of this special event the children sang 'Hosanna'. They sang it beautifully.

We are very proud of them all.



## Dates For your Diary

Event: FS2 Trip to Trentham Gardens  
Day: Friday  
Date: 9th June 2017  
Time: 9.30am –3.15pm

Event: Year 6—Lego Innovation NULC  
Day: Tuesday  
Date: 27th June 2017  
Time: 9.30am -12.30pm

Event: FS1 & KS1 Prize giving  
Day: Tuesday  
Date: 18th July 2017  
Time: 1.30pm –3.00pm

Event: FS Welcome Event  
Day: Tuesday  
Date: 13th June 2017  
Time: 2.00pm–3.00pm.

Event: Sports Day—FS & KS1  
Day: Tuesday  
Date: 4th July 2017  
Time: TBC

Event: Y5 & Y6 Production & Year 6  
Leavers Celebration  
Day: Tuesday  
Date: 18th July – 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Event: FS1 Trip to Trentham Gardens  
Day: Tuesday  
Date: 20th June 2017  
Time: 9.30am –3.15pm

Event: Sports Day—KS2  
Day: Wednesday  
Date: 5th July 2017  
Time: TBC

Event: Open Afternoon  
Day: Thursday  
Date: 20th July 2017  
Time: 1.30pm –3.00pm

Event: Year 5—Lego Innovation NULC  
Day: Tuesday  
Date: 20th June 2017  
Time: 9.30am –12.30pm

Event: KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5) Prize giving  
Day: Monday  
Date: 10th July 2017  
Time: 1.30pm -3.00pm

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## School Terms and Holiday Dates

### Summer Term 2017

School closes on Friday 21st July

### Autumn Term 2017/18

School opens Wednesday 6th September

#### 2017 HALF-TERM

School closes on Friday 20th October

School opens on Tuesday 31st October

#### CHRISTMAS 2017

School closes on Friday 22nd December

School opens on Monday 8th January 2018

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