



# St Maria Goretti Newsletter

10th March 2017 — Spring Term



Dear parents and carers,

## ACADEMY COMMITTEE REPORT FEBRUARY 2017

In my report in December I was able to report on the excellent OFSTED report received about St Maria Goretti.

By now I'm sure that you are aware that St Gregory's was judged OUTSTANDING, the first school in Stoke-on-Trent to receive this accolade under the new, tougher criteria. The outcome is a testament to the hard work and dedication of staff at all levels and a true reflection of dedication to providing outstanding learning opportunities to all our pupils.

The inspection also recognised the work of the Academy Committee commenting,

*Governance is strong and the academy committee (governing body) is skilfully led by a highly competent and experienced chair.*

*Governors keep in regular touch with the school's leaders so they can hold them and the staff team to account for standards achieved and staff performance. They are diligent when recruiting new staff and monitor closely the impact of leaders' efforts to improve and train staff, never accepting anything less than good practice.*

*Governors are strong leaders who ensure that newly appointed teachers are supported, trained, monitored and challenged to continually improve their practice.*

*The curriculum committee scrutinises the performance and achievement of disadvantaged pupils to make sure that any differences between their achievement and that of other pupils nationally diminishes.*

*The results of national assessments and leaders' assessment information enable governors to see how well particular groups of pupils are achieving.*

*The governing body keeps in regular touch with the multi-academy company and there are effective arrangements in place to share good practice across the MAC schools.*

All the work done by the Academy Representatives is voluntary. It is estimated that if all the hours involved were paid in line with the current Charity Commission rate of £11.00 per hour, this volunteer contribution would amount to about £12,000. We are fortunate that the Committee members are so willing to sacrifice their own spare time for the good of our pupils' education.

During the last half term there have been no formal meetings of the Committee, however, link visits have taken place in RE, Special Needs, Early Years and Humanities. In addition, I have conducted a learning walk at each school along with Mrs Yates. Our main focus as we visited each classroom was on the teaching of English and the way in which classroom support staff were being utilised. Our termly Academy Committee meeting is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to Joanne Hughes who has recently retired from the Committee. For many years Joanne has provided valuable experience and her contribution will be sorely missed.

Ray Chadwick

Chair of Academy Committee

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



**BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 1 WHO ARE LAST WEEK'S WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS WITH 99.3% - FANTASTIC! WOW!**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 4 FOR BEST ATTENDANCE FROM 7TH SEPTEMBER 2016 TO 3RD MARCH 2017**

**WITH 98.2%**



**THE OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FIGURE IS 96.7%**



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

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

**Registration is taken at 8.55am prompt**

**School finishes each day at 3.15pm**



This term the school have introduced parent pay.

Thank you for your patience as we all get used to the new system.



If you have not yet registered for ParentPay, please do so as soon as possible as we plan to use this system for all forms of communication in the future, including text messaging, emails and for the newsletter.



My Baby Time

Sessions run in school  
9:45–10:45 Thursdays  
£3.00  
per family



**In the interests of safety**

Children are not allowed to play ball games, or ride cycles or scooters on the school playground areas either before school, or at the end of the day.



**What's happening in school**

**PARENT FORUM**

Friday 7th April 2017 at 2.30

Friday 9th June 2017 at 2.30

Friday 7th July 2017 at 2.30

**FAMILY LEARNING**

Keeping up with the children - Years 4 and 5 – 15th March 2017

Sounds like fun - EYFS 22nd March 2017



**Fun & Learning**