



St Maria Goretti Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

ACADEMY COMMITTEE REPORT JULY 2016

The role of the Academy Committee is to monitor the performance of our two schools in line with the direction set by the Board of Directors of All Saints Catholic Academy. We are expected to provide feedback and supporting evidence to the Directors, Parents, Parishes and other appropriate establishments in the local community.

We have met with the Executive Headteacher and Heads of School at least once per term and reviewed their reports on the implementation of the School Development Plans for each academy. In addition smaller committees of Representatives have met to discuss Finance & Resources and Progress & Attainment. A further important part of our scrutiny is the link visits, which each Representative makes. At these there is an opportunity to review a particular subject in depth with the teachers leading it, before providing a report to the Academy Committee.

At present schools are facing many problems such as increased expenditure with no corresponding income improvement and major changes to the assessment of learning. Despite this, it is pleasing to report that at both St Gregory's and St Maria Goretti, the staff have risen to the challenges and provided outstanding teaching and learning. This has resulted in an exceptional outcome in the recent external tests, which were undertaken by the children.

A recent independent review, which was undertaken at both schools, has verified this.

Despite the successes of this year plans are already being prepared for the next academic year to improve still further on the current outstanding achievements.

After many years as Governors and latterly Academy Representatives, **Kevan Knapper** and **Chris Breese** have stepped down from the Committee. They have both made a positive contribution to governance within our schools. We thank them and wish them well.

I am pleased to announce that the Diocese has appointed **Tony Matthews** as a Foundation Representative. Tony, who is a Firefighter, has two children who both attend St Gregory's.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff at our two academies. Once again they have demonstrated a true Christian commitment in providing an atmosphere, which encourages the pupils to develop and grow in knowledge and understanding.

Ray Chadwick
Chair of Academy Committee



BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 6 WHO ARE ALL LAST WEEK'S WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS WITH 97.9% - FANTASTIC! WOW!



CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 3 FOR BEST ATTENDANCE FROM 9TH SEPTEMBER 2015 TO 15TH JULY 2016 WITH 98.3%



DINNER MONEY FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

School Meal prices for 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)



THE OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FIGURE IS 97%

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL UNIFORM



Uniform is no longer available to purchase from the school.
Uniform is available by order from supersports.co.uk
Please visit the website www.supersports.co.uk



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a rollercoaster of emotions over the last week as we bid farewell to our year six pupils. Mrs Moore, class teacher in year six, also leaves us to work at St Dominic's, Stone. We wish every one of them every happiness and success for the future.

Congratulations to our newly-appointed head and deputy boys and girls:

Head boy - Jensen Adams

Head girl - Megan Moore

deputy head boy - Gabriel Cardell

deputy head girl - Patrycja Kaczor



These children were interviewed for these important responsibilities and were very impressive. It is custom for all of our pupils in year six to be allocated key roles in the day-to-day management of our school.

The poetry festival and annual prize-giving evenings were a great success, enjoyed by so many. The support from parents was exceptional this year, particularly to the high number of parents who received awards for the Family Learning sessions with their children. I felt so proud that so many of you participated and it was inspiring to see you standing on stage alongside your children and grandchildren.

May I take this opportunity to extend a very special thank you to my colleagues at St. Maria Goretti. The energy and enthusiasm with which we all approach the end of term - in anticipation of September - reflects the enjoyment of our vocation of service. It was especially nice that so many of our parishioners and academy representatives have joined us to celebrate masses this term. These examples serve to remind us of how blessed we are to be part of the family of St Maria Goretti; my thanks to all our families for your support and efforts this year.

Wishing you all a happy, enjoyable summer holiday.

Margaret Yates B Ed (Hons); NPQH; NLE
Executive Headteacher



Happy Summer Holiday!
Children return back to school on
Wednesday 7th September