



# St Maria Goretti Newsletter

24th March 2016

Spring 6

Dear parents and carers,

It was good to see that so many children received awards at the celebration assembly. Our attendance record showed a growing number of children with 100% attendance. Their enjoyment of learning and pride in their achievements are very rewarding. Similarly, the feedback on their behaviour from visitors and parishioners during the recent whole-school mass was excellent; all commented on the respect and reverence shown by the children, and also their beautiful singing.

In this Year of Mercy Pope Francis tells us,

*'To be merciful means to grow in a love which is courageous, generous and real. It means to grow physically and spiritually. You are preparing to be Christians capable of making courageous choices and decisions, in order to build daily, even through little things, a world of peace.'*

As teachers in a Catholic school, through our daily teachings and interactions, we strive to support our children in their spiritual and moral growth by guiding them in making the right choices; to show care and respect for one-another; to acknowledge the faiths and beliefs of other cultures, faiths and traditions. We share responsibility for protecting and preparing our children to become positive citizens for the future. During the 'Watch me Learn RE' days earlier this year many parents commended staff for the positive relationships and care shown. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful team in our school and on behalf of everyone, I want to say a sincere thank you to all the staff for their relentless hard work.

Wishing you all a very happy and Holy Easter.

Mrs M Yates  
Executive Headteacher



**BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 2 WHO ARE LAST WEEK'S WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS WITH 99.3% - FANTASTIC! WOW!**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 3  
BEST ATTENDANCE FROM 9TH SEPTEMBER 2015 TO  
18TH MARCH 2016-WITH 98.3%**



**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**



**THE OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FIGURE IS**  
**97.2%**



Day	Date	Month	Time	Information.
Monday	11th	April	N/A	Back to school — Summer Term
Wednesday	13th	April	N/A	Mad Science Day
Saturday	16th	April	N/A	Reception Place allocations for 2016 will be published
Wednesday	20th	April	N/A	Watch me Learn
Thursday	21st	April	N/A	Queens 90th Birthday celebration lunch (afternoon tea theme)
Friday	22nd	April	N/A	Shakespeare Day—Children dressing up in period costume
Monday	16th	May	N/A	SATs Week

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

We currently have limited stock available to purchase in school.

Future uniform will be available to purchase from our new online supplier go to [www.supersport.co.uk](http://www.supersport.co.uk)

Or if you prefer you may purchase face to face from

Longton Protective Clothing—Sutherland Road, Longton, ST3 1HZ



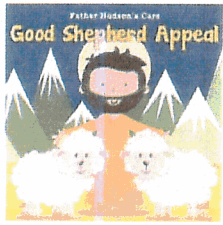
**SUPERSPORT**

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FEATURED

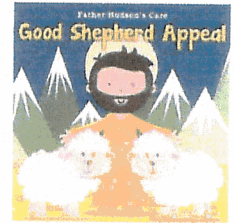
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- PERSONALISATION

**ST MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC ACADEMY**  
Achieving Together in Love and Faith



## THANK YOU

We collected £195.61p for the  
Father Hudson Society.



### **ACADEMY COMMITTEE REPORT MARCH 2016**

The Spring Term has been quite short because of the early occurrence of Easter this year. Despite this, the Academy Committee has met twice and taken part in several sub committee meetings.

The full committee met with senior staff in February to review the SEF (Self Evaluation Form). Although it is no longer compulsory for a school to complete this document it is a useful exercise because it represents the latest view of where the school stands against the inspection criteria set down by OFSTED.

St Gregory's continues to be viewed as "outstanding" in all areas, whilst St Maria Goretti is "good" overall with many areas judged as "outstanding".

At the meeting in March the main item on the agenda was the termly report by the Executive Headteacher. These reports clearly demonstrated that progress continues to be made against the priorities, which were established in the School Development Plans.

The Achievement and Standards sub committee had a presentation from the Early Years coordinators at the two schools, which showed why the provision here is "outstanding". There was also an explanation about how the new assessment system is working.

At the Finance and Resources sub committee the income and expenditure against budget was scrutinised and found to be in order. Health and Safety reports and Fire Evacuation procedures at both schools were reviewed.

The popularity of St Gregory's and St Maria Goretti was in evidence when the Admissions sub committee considered the applications for admission to Reception in September. At both schools there were twice the applicants for the available places.

During the term, link visits for English, PE, Humanities, Math's, Pupil Premium, Art/DT, SEN and Safeguarding have taken place. At these reviews the subject leaders are held to account by the individual representative, who then reports back to the Academy Committee.

As you can see our role is a rewarding experience. If you are interested in finding out more, please leave your details with the office staff at either school and I will be happy to talk to you about it.

Ray Chadwick

Chair of Academy Committee

17<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**PRIVACY NOTICE**  
for  
**St Maria Goretti Catholic Academy**

**Privacy Notice - Data Protection Act 1998**

We, St Maria Goretti, are a data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect personal information from you and may receive information about you from your previous school and the Learning Records Service. We hold this personal data to:

- Support your learning;
- Monitor and report on your progress;
- Provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- Assess how well we are doing.

Information about you that we hold includes your contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information<sup>1</sup> and personal characteristics such as your ethnic group, any special educational needs you may have and relevant medical information. *If you are enrolling for post 14 qualifications the Learning Records Service will give us your unique learner number (ULN) and may also give us details about your learning or qualifications.*

***We will not give information about you to anyone without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to.***

We are required by law to pass some information about you to our Local Authority (LA) and the Department for Education.

*We are required by law to pass some information about you to the Department for Education (DfE) and, in turn, this will be available for the use of the LA.*

If you want to receive a copy of the information about you that we hold or share, please contact the school office.

If you need more information about how the LA and DfE store and use your information, then please go to the following websites:

[www.stoke.gov.uk](http://www.stoke.gov.uk)

<https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

If you cannot access these websites, please contact the LA or DfE as follows:

Public Communications Unit Department for Education Sanctuary Buildings Great Smith Street London SW1P 3BT	Stoke-on-Trent City Council Civic Centre Glebe Street STOKE-ON-TRENT ST4 1RN
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Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

Email: <http://www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus>

Telephone: 0370 000 2288

<sup>1</sup> Attendance information is **NOT** collected as part of the Censuses for the Department for Education for the following pupils / children - a) in Nursery schools; b) aged under 4 years in Maintained schools; c) in Alternative Provision; and d) in Early Years Settings. This footnote can be removed where Local Authorities collect such attendance information for their own specific purposes.