



St Maria Goretti Catholic Academy Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017/18
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A Message from the Principal.

Dear Parents and carers,

I want to begin by thanking all children, staff and families who donated to the Royal British Legion in commemoration of our serving men and women and the fallen. The charity does a tremendous job at supporting those who have lost loved ones and supporting injured service men and women. We have invited representatives from the Royal British Legion to join us for our British Values week in January, we look forward to working with them in the future.



Lest We Forget

Our School Council have been busy designing our School Development Plan poster and sharing our key priorities with their class.



Our school councillors work hard at representing the pupils across the school and are looking for their next project.

Also in school our Spiritual Leaders have met to discuss the prayer life of the school including our virtues of: Learned and Wise. We are very proud of the contributions of our Spiritual Leaders, especially in leading the Wednesday Word liturgies. Please look at our school Facebook or Twitter page for more information on the Wednesday Word.



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

behaved so well, sang their hearts out and read beautifully. I thought this was lovely and too nice not to pass on!

Finally, our parish Christmas Market takes place this evening at 7pm, if you haven't been able to purchase a ticket I'm sure the parish ladies will welcome a purchase upon arrival!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Mrs Z. Cooper
Principal

I want to thank the children in Years 1 and 5 for a wonderful Mass on 9th November. After the Year 1 & 5 mass, one of the nuns took a member of staff to one side and said how fantastic the children had been. She said that the singing was amazing and that if she closed her eyes she would have thought that the church was full! She asked me to pass the message on and said that our children show a connection to God in everything they do!

The children were fantastic, they



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Attendance reports

The whole school's current attendance percentage is 96.5% as at 10th November 2017.

FS1 were last week's certificate winners for excellent attendance with 99.2% - Well done!

Congratulations to Year 5 who have the best attendance from September 2017 with 98.3%

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.

School Building works

The building works are progressing to plan. During half term the foundation was laid for the new entrance. Preparation work has started for the foundations to the new rooms. Work is well underway with the new entrance, walls are starting to go up and ceiling are coming down in the old reception area.



Site Safety

Our children have displayed a fabulous attitude towards safety on site during our building works.

Please continue to remind your children of the dangers and risks of building sites.

We thank you for your patience during the works which are planned to be completed in February 2018.

Health & Safety Update

Equipment after school

Parents are reminded that children must not use the outdoor play equipment after school.

Scooters and bikes

To reduce risks of accident or injury, children are asked to wait until they have left the school grounds before riding scooters and bikes.

Jewellery

May we remind parents that all children in foundation stage should not be wearing jewellery in school. Other children must remove earrings for PE sessions.

Hair clips

Large bows worn in the hair are not part of our school uniform.

Please talk to your children about the dangers of putting small items in the mouth, including hair clips.

Gritted Paths

As the colder weather approaches please stick to the gritted pathways on school premises.



Dates For your Diary

Event: FS & KS1 Celebration Assembly
Day: Friday
Date: 15th December
Time: 9.15am

Event: Advent Service and raffle
Day: Sunday
Date: 17th December
Time: 10.30am (Church)

Event: FS & KS1 Carol Service & Christingle
Day: Tuesday
Date: 19th December
Time: 2pm

Event: KS2 Celebration Assembly
Day: Friday
Date: 15th December
Time: 1.45pm

Event: Year 3 & 4 Nativity
Day: Monday
Date: 18th December
Time: 6pm

Event: KS2 Nativity
Day: Wednesday
Date: 20th December
Time: 2pm

Planned dates for the whole year have been emailed to you via ParentPay.



The Parish Christmas Market will be in the School Hall on Friday 17th November at 7pm



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CHRISTMAS 2017

School closes on Friday 22nd December
School opens on Monday 8th January 2018

SPRING 2018 HALF-TERM

School closes on Friday 16th February
School opens on Monday 26th February

EASTER 2018

School closes on Thursday 29th March
School opens Monday 16th April

MAY 2018

School closed on Monday 7th May (May Day)

SUMMER 2018 HALF-TERM

School closes on Friday 25th May
School opens on Monday 4th June

SUMMER 2018

School closes on Friday 20th July

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