



# St Maria Goretti Catholic Academy Newsletter

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## A Message from the Principal.

Dear Parents and carers,

First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our pupils and staff for their feedback, hard work and commitment at our recent RE Inspection led by Birmingham Diocese. To hear of our children's pride in their school community, your praise and the staff's commitment makes us all proud to be a part of the St Maria Goretti Catholic Academy family. We look forward to sharing the report with you in the near future.

Elsewhere, our school community has continued to be busy promoting the many God Given talents of our pupils. Our choir recently participated in the Longton Christmas Light switch on. On the other side of Longton other staff attended the Multi Academy Company 'Night Fever' where staff, pupils and parents were invited to pray, light a candle or just take a moment of reflection at St Gregory's church. Both were a wonderful opportunity to come together in our local communities. Also, our Year 2 pupils performed at the Victoria Hall as part of the City Songbirds Christmas concert where their performance was excellent. They will be performing for us at next weeks celebration

assemblies.

Our Confirmation pupils recently enrolled for this special sacrament and will be preparing for this after Christmas. Our First Holy Communion children continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion. Please pray for our pupils and their families as they commit themselves in receiving these special sacraments. Special thanks to our school parish, Father Julius and Mrs Johnson for their continued support for our children and their families.

We are delighted to share in the news of Father John Gilbert's presentation as Canon at St Chad's Cathedral which took place today. Mrs Lyons, Owen Macauley and Zoe Wallace represented our school at this wonderful and rare event. Congratulations to Canon John. This is wonderful news for our North Staffordshire parish's.

Finally, thank you to the grandparents who have joined us for lunch over the past two weeks. It was a wonderful experience to share in the daily life of our schools.

Have a lovely weekend, stay wrapped up warm.

God Bless,

Mrs Z. Cooper

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## Attendance reports

The whole school's current attendance percentage is 96.2% as at 1st December 2017.

FS2 were last week's certificate winners for excellent attendance with 99.2% - Well done!

Congratulations to Years 2 & 3 who have the best attendance from September 2017 with 97.9%

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.

At the end of each term the school celebrate the children's achievements in school, including 100% attendance.

Each child who has attended school every day since September will receive a certificate of 100% attendance and also has the chance to win one of our amazing Christmas hampers. There are also some Chocolate Santa's to be won. All children who have 100% attendance will be included in the prize draws.

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## 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.

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## Health & Safety Update

Please use this link for information on school closures

[http://webapps.stoke.gov.uk/schoolclosures/Public\\_view.aspx](http://webapps.stoke.gov.uk/schoolclosures/Public_view.aspx)

### School Closures

If the school is closed due to bad weather the details will be on the stoke city council school closures website and a text message will be sent via ParentPay.

### 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.

### Sweet Treats



Thank you for your kind donations

### Donna Louise

Christmas  
Jumper Day



Thank you for your donations

### Selection box & Chocolate Bingo



In the school hall on Wednesday  
13th December at 3.30pm



Christmas break—The last day that the children will be in school is Friday 22nd December.



## Autumn Term 2017/18

### 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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