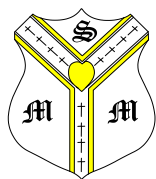


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 25th September

Dear Parents,

I'm sure many of you saw the news on Tuesday evening and listened to the new guidance and restrictions in relation to the Covid-19 Pandemic. It is a worrying time for all of us but all the more important that we do all we can to follow the guidance and instructions we are given.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have worn a face covering to school, arrived on time and adhered to social distancing. It is very appreciated.

Kind regards,

Mrs Byrne

ADMISSIONS Reception 2021

The window for admissions for Reception 2021 has now opened. If your child will be four before September 2021, you must apply for the place in Reception.

This includes children who may already be in our nursery .

Applications can only be made online with both Knowsley and Liverpool.

If you are a **Knowsley resident** you should apply to :

<http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

If you are a **Liverpool resident** then you should apply to :

<http://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/>

ALL (Liverpool and Knowsley) applications must be supported by a supplementary faith form which is available on our website or from the school office. This must be returned to the school office. **Please note that it is imperative that this form is completed so your child can be ranked correctly.**

The closing date for all application is 15th January 2021. Offer letters will be sent on or around 16th April 2021.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS and MESSAGES

- ♥ Children should not bring a school bag unless it is absolutely necessary.
- ♥ Only one adult should come to school to collect and drop off.
- ♥ Please do not pass messages on at the door. Please contact the school office via telephone or email.
- ♥ Please queue to enter school across the front of the club and around church. Where possible, please stand on a path.
- ♥ Please only arrive at the correct time and leave the school grounds quickly.
- ♥ Please ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle to school each day.
- ♥ Adults need to wear a face coverings while on school premises.
- ♥ Please keep your children with you on the yard when dropping off or picking up.

EARLY YEARS Importance of Talking

Research shows that talking to young children is so important to child development.



- ♥ Talk about anything and all the time.
- ♥ It builds the brain.
- ♥ Talking about the world, about people and about what they are doing develops understanding, vocabulary, personal skills and enables children to express themselves.

TOP TIPS FOR READING WITH YOUR CHILD

We have begun to send reading books home. Here are some top tips for reading with your child.

1. *Read something every day*
2. *Read to your child; share stories, poems, magazines, anything.*
3. *Let your children see you reading; be their model*
4. *Keep it short – for some children 10 minutes everyday is great. Quality time is better than a long time.*
5. *Find a quiet space; away from screens and noise.*
6. *Use the pictures to help.*
7. *Ask simple questions about what they have read. (Sometimes there are ideas at the back of the book).*
8. *Praise the effort.*



Sharing our Faith

Feast of St Matthew

21st September

St Matthew was one of the 12 apostles. He is famously known for being a tax collector, who changed his ways to follow Jesus.

He reminds us that Jesus is there for everyone and everyone can turn to him and follow him. He is always ready to give anyone a second chance.

A PRAYER TO SHARE

Dear God,
Help us to be willing to give people a second chance,
even when we don't think they deserve it.
Help us to love and bring peace and joy to people's lives.
Help us to serve others and to help them whenever we get opportunities.
Amen.